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HONEY NO. 159.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCTING AREAS (Last half of December):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Rains have been favorable to honey plants, and black sage looks especially promising, but more rain is needed. Manzanita has been blooming. Recent cold weather has considerably affected orange groves where smudging was not carried on, but the exact extent is uncertain. Local honey is practically exhausted and dealers are being supplied with Intermountain honey. Few ton lots White Orange reported sold at 13-16¢ per lb., Buckwheat 10-11¢ per lb. Beeswax, 25-26¢ per lb.

Cold weather brought an end to the flow in the Imperial Valley. Stores are very irregular -some yards reported full of honey, while others must be fed before brood-rearing starts in the spring if they are to be built up for the coming crop.

Central California - Colonies near the coast have ample winter stores. Carlots Light Amber Alfalfa have sold at 8¢ per lb.

Northern California - Ample moisture is assured by frequent rains and snow. Few sales reported. One car Extra Light Amber Alfalfa reported moved at 9¢ per lb. ton lots 10¢, single 60s 11¢ per lb.; 1 car Light Amber Alfalfa 7 1/2¢ per lb., Alfalfa comb quoted at $4.50 per case. Beeswax 22 1/2-25¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees are doing well- they had a flight on December 13, followed by over a week of zero weather. Small producers are nearly out of honey, but large beekeepers still have quite a few carloads. White Alfalfa has sold in ton lots at 9 1/2¢, 60s 10-11¢, small pails wholesale 12-12 1/2¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Flights reported in Idaho on December 19-20, but in general weather has been extremely cold, which will be hard on bees wintered outdoors. Considerable snow has fallen, and ample moisture for irrigation seems assured for next season.

Although a good many carloads of honey are still available, supplies of extracted are getting comparatively light. Inquiries are said to be increasing, and the market is strengthening somewhat. Litle comb honey remains unsold. Several carlots of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold recently at 9¢, several at 9 1/2¢, 1 at 9 1/4¢, 1 at 8 1/2¢, and one small car at 10¢ per lb; with 1 carlot of straight White Alfalfa moving at 10¢ per lb. Ton lots White extracted have sold at 8 1/3-11¢ per lb. White comb of best grade has sold from $4.00 to 5.00 per case; some light-weight stock moving at $3.25. Carlots quoted at $4.75 per case for fancy and $4.40 for choice. Beeswax, 22-26¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Some rain has fallen, which should be helpful to early flowers. Honey market not very brisk, and few sales reported.

NEW MEXICO: A four-inch snow fall has occurred recently and weather conditions are satisfactory. There is not enough honey left on hand to supply local demand.

TEXAS: Bees wintering well considering the unusually cold weather. Weather very dry. Stores generally ample, although some report that feeding will be necessary. Little honey left except cotton honey extracted in November. Recent large lot sales reported for extracted in small pails at 10-12 1/2¢ per lb; some 60-lb. cans 10¢ per lb; bulk comb 12-16¢ per lb; Beeswax, wide range, light 25-30¢ per lb., dark 20-27¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Weather extremely cold, which has prevented flights. Snow on the ground will be helpful to clover. Few sales due to the holiday season, but inquiries reported for honey for January trade. Some sales White Clover in ton lots at 10¢ per lb; few sales White comb around $4.80 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Temperatures have been low, but colonies are apparently wintering well so far. Heavy snows reported, which should be favorable to good clover yield next season. Honey is nearly cleaned up in this section. Few sales White Clover extracted in large lots reported at 9 1/2-11 1/2¢ per lb; of No. 1 White comb at $5.00-5.50 per case and No. 2 at $4.00-4.50 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The extremely cold weather has been severe on bees not properly protected. Clover generally covered with snow. Hundreds of colonies reported offered for sale in New York State with no buyers. Occasional beekeepers still have honey available, but in general stocks are very light. Few large lot sales of extracted reported; White Clover 10-12¢ per lb., Buckwheat 8-10¢, fall honey in kegs 8¢ per lb., White Clover comb, fancy $5.00-5.50, No. 1, $4.35-4.80 per case, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, $3.50 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are generally in good condition although recent severe weather has been hard on them. Excessive flying has reduced colony numbers in Georgia. Honey plants reported in good shape, and bees are storing some honey from pennyroyal in Florida. Maple is beginning to bloom in Louisiana. Little honey available. Few large lot sales Amber extracted in barrels at 6-8¢ per lb., Light Amber 8-10¢ per lb.

CUBA: Arrivals from the interior of the Island are commencing to arrive a little more freely, but do not begin to compare with the receipts of a normal year. The crop is very short and will be greatly delayed. The market has strengthened and the demand exceeds the supply. One carload of dark extracted reported shipped to Holland at 93¢ per gallon. including cost of freight, in barrels of 600 lbs. net.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Market reports are for December 29, 30 or 31.

BOSTON: Since last report 20 bbls. Porto Rico, 50 cases N.Y. arrived. COMB: Demand limited. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, market steady 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, market firm, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand good, market steady. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb., Porto Rico, Amber 10¢, Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 16-18¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Colo. 23,000 lbs. Ia. 3,234 lbs Minn. arrived. Demand and trading limited on comb and extracted, market steady and quiet. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota, Alfalfa and White Clover, White fancy mostly 11¢, Light Amber 10-10 1/2¢, mostly 10¢, ordinary and dark 9¢. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover fancy 11-11 1/2¢. Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover mixed 12-13¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover, fancy $4.75-5.00, mostly $4.75, No. 1, $4.50, No. 2, and Light Amber $4.00-4.25, poorlyfilled, broken and damaged combs $2.50-3.50 according to quality and condition. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa , fancy $5.00-5.25, mostly $5.00, choice $4.75-5.00. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market strong. Sales to retailers- and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies, shoe polish etc-crude light 34-35¢.

DENVER: Demand light, market dull, prices unchanged. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy $5.40, choice $5.04.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Per lb. Colorado, White Alfalfa 12 1/2¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa,fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST.PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies light. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover, No. 1, mostly $5.50. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady, Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- Per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12 1/2-13¢, some low as 11 1/2¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 450 cases 45 bbls. Mexico, 22 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Domestic; Receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- Per lb. New York, White Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12-12 1/2¢, Buckwheat mostly 10¢, very large lots low as 9¢. California, Light Amber Sage 11-13¢, mostly 12¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Florida, White Tupelo 12-13¢, Light Amber mostly 10¢, Porto Rico, supplies light. Market steady, mostly $1.05 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demandmoderate, market slightly weaker. New York, 24-section cases Clover fancy few sales$6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50; Buckwheat No. 1, mostly $4.50, No. 2, $3.50- 4.00. BEESWAX: Since last report 12 bags San Domingo, 22 bags Brazil arrived. Supplies very light. Demand exceeds supply, market strong. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade in small lots- West Indies, dark 30-31¢, light all sections 34-38¢, mostly 36-37¢ per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No large arrivals since last report. Porto Rico stock: Supplies very light. Demand fair, market stronger with higher prices, due largely to very light receipts. Domestic Honey: Supply moderate with fair demand and movement, market steady with practically no change in prices. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber $1.06, Amber $1.03 per gal. New York, White Clover 12-14¢, Buckwheat 9 3/4¢ per lb. COMB: Sales to jobbers- New York and other Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.25, No. 2, $4.50-5.00; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.50-5,00, No. 2, mostly $4.00, various varieties Dark Amber $4.50. BEEXWAX: Buyers paying around 28-30¢ per lb. for country run wax.

ST LOUIS: No large receipts since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand for both extracted and comb veryslow. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers: EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2- 11 1/2¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. COMB: 24-section cases- Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Michigan, various flavors $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Dealers quoting 24 1/2¢ per lb. for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Per lb- Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber 11-12¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9 -9 1/2¢, Amber Alfalfa 8-8 1/4¢, Star Thistle 10-11¢. COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50.

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HONEY NO. 160.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Black sage is making unusually fine growth, and other honey plants should yield well if more rain falls. Bees have been working a little on eucalyptus, mustard and manzanita. Much American foulbrood in some areas. It is said that many colonies will starve if not fed. Local honey is in very light supply, and some blending reported of Hawaiian and Idaho honey with California stock to keep up the supply. Few sales ton lots, White Orange 14 1/2¢, Light Amber 11 1/2-13 1/2¢. Beeswax has been in good demand at 25¢ per lb.; some sales reported at 26-28¢ per lb. 2 cars extra L.A. Sage 10½-11¢ per lb. Northern California- The weather has been cold, Plenty of rain has fallen, with some snow, and present outlook is very promising. Orders for package bees for spring delivery are being received from southern California. Good demand reported on dark honey for export at around 7¢ per lb.; good bottling honey is not in quite so good demand. Beeswax, demand for which has recently been good, has sold at 27¢ per lb. cash, 25¢ per lb. in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Not many sales reported lately. There are a few carloads of 1923 crop still on hand, and quite a number of cars of 1924 White or Light Amber Alfalfa or Sweet Clover, for which producers are asking 10¢ per lb., but no sales reported. A few ton lots Light Amber reported at 10¢, White 12 1/2¢; small pails 12 1/2-14¢ per lb. White Comb bees moved at $4.80 per 24-section case. Beeswax, 24-28¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The weather has been extremely cold- record-breaking in some places. Bees and honey plants are generally protected by a heavy blanket of snow, but loss in bees from the severe cold is anticipated.

The market has been quiet during the past two weeks, with not many sales reported. Several carlots of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold at 9¢, one at 9 3/8¢, and two at 10¢ per lb; ton lots 9-10 1/2¢, 60s 9 1/2-13¢ per lb., small pails 10-14¢ per lb.; dark blend, ton lots 8¢ per lb. Few sales fancy White comb at $4.50-4.75 per case. Carlots of comb are quoted at $4.60 per case for fancy, $4.20 for choice, but no sales reported. Beeswax, 24-27¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: The weather has been cold and dry. Demand improving, but few sales reported. Light Amber extracted has moved at 8 1/2-11¢ per lb. in 60-lb. cans and 10-12¢ per lb. in small pails.

NEW MEXICO: Very cold. Ample snow-fall insures good nectar flow the coming season. Very little honey unsold.

TEXAS: Except in the southeast, the winter has been very dry. The weather has been much colder than normal, which has been bad for plants and for colonies which were weak or short on stores. Colonies reported throwing out many dead bees. Light Amber extracted recently quoted, 60-lb. cans 8-12¢, carlots 8 1/2-10¢, very few small pails quoted. Beeswax, light 23-28¢, dark 20-25¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Bees have been wintering well. Snow has generally been ample to protect clover. Kansas and Iowa beekeepers report flights Jan. 6 and 7. Few small lot sales made, but several carlots White Clover extracted sold at 8 1/2-9¢ per lb., 1 car Heartsease and Basswood 8 1/4¢ per lb.; ton lots White Clover 10¢, 60s 11-15¢ per lb. Few sales No. 1 White comb $4.80-5.25 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees are wintering well considering the cold weather. Clover is well protected with snow except in extreme southern portion of section. A little flying in the middle of the day reported recently from Wisconsin. The market has recently been dull, with few sales. Ton lots White Clover have sold at 10-12 1/2¢ per lb., 1 small carlot 10 1/2¢, 1 carlot 11¢; 60s, white 12 1/2-15¢, dark 10¢, small pails, White and Light Amber 15-19¢, Buckwheat 10¢. No. 1 White comb has sold at $4.50-5.50, few $6.00 per case. There has been increased interest in beeswax, and the market is strengthening on this commodity.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The unusually cold weather has lowered cellar temperatures below normal. Clover is generally well protected with snow. Trading in extracted clover has been light; but for buckwheat it was unusually brisk during the last few days of December. Supply of White comb about cleaned up; still some buckwheat comb unsold. Large lot sales of extracted Buckwheat in 60-lb. cans or kegs 8-8 3/4¢, few 10¢ per lb.; White Clover 11-12¢ per lb.; small pails, Buckwheat 11-15¢, White Clover 14-16¢ per lb. White Clover and Basswood comb, fancy and No. 1, $4.50-5.50; Buckwheat fancy and No. 1, $3.75-4.00, No. 2, $3.25-3.50 per case.

WEST INDIES:

Cuba- Arrivals from the interior of the Island are a little more abundant, but condition of colonies is not reported very satisfactory. Several carlots dark extracted have been shipped to Holland at 95¢ per gal., including cost and and freight.

Porto Rico- (Last half December) Shipments from the Island for week ending Dec. 13 were 475 lbs. wax and 7,836 lbs. honey.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: In Louisiana rain fell during the entire holiday season, thoroughly soaking the ground. Clover is already coming up rapidly. Queens have begun to lay and bees are bringing in pollen. There has been ample rain in Georgia, and bees are getting lots of pollen from the maple. Alabama shippers are getting some inquiry for combless bees and queens for ealy delivery. Showers in that State are bringing up the clover. In Florida maple, pennyroyal and pussy-willow are in bloom, and some pennyroyal honey has been extracted. Brood-rearing is heavy for this time of year. Few sales Light Amber extracted in barrels 7¢ per lb., in small pails 11-12¢. Beeswax has sold at 28¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for January 14.

BOSTON: Since last report 1 car Calif. arrived. COMB: Demand light, market stead; Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases WhiteClover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market firm. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottler- per lb., Porto Rico. Amber 10¢, Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, WhiteClover 16-18¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1,340 lbs. Wis. 46,170 lbs. Iowa arrived. Demand and trading slightly better on extracted and comb, market firm. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, Alfalfa and White Clover, white mostly 11¢, Light Amber 10-10 1/2¢. Wisconsin and Minnesota, White Alfalfa and Basswood 12-13¢. Michigan and Illinois , White. Sweet Clover 11-12¢. California, Light to medium Amber Alfalfa 10-10 1/2¢. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mostly 11¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Indiana, Ohio , Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover white fancy and No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25, poorly filled and broken combs $2.50-3.50 according to quality and condition. Intermountain, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover, fancy $5.00-5.25, mostly $5.00, extra fancy $5.50, choice $4.75-5.00. BEESWAX: Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies, shoe polish, etc., crude light 34-35¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand limited, market weaker. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa white 13¢, Light Amber 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.00, choice $4.50.

KANSAS CITY : No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS No recent carlot arrivals. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.50. EXTRACTED: Sales to retailer , confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 11 1/2-13¢, mostly 12 1/2¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 56 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demestic; receipts limited, Buckwheat- supplies light, demand active; other demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- Per lb. New York, White Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12 -12 1/2¢; Buckwheat 9 3/4-10 1/2¢. California , Light Amber Sage 12-13¢, mostly around 12 1/2¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 12-12 1/2¢. Florida, White Tupelo 12-13 1/2¢. Porto Rico- Supplies very light, very few sales reported, asking $1.02-1.10 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. 24-section cases: New York, White Clover, fancy few sales $6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50. Buckwheat , very few sales fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50, No. 2, $3.50-4.00. BEESWAX: Since last report 32 bags Cuba, 16 bags, 4 serons San Domingo, 10 bags Porto Rico, 20 bags Chile, 25 bags Egypt, 54 bags England, 17 bags Italy arrived. Supplies very light. Demand active and exceeds supply. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade in small lots- Venezuela, light 40¢ , Africa, dark 35-38¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts since last report, both foreign and Domestic, very light. Supplies Porto Rico very light. Moderate demand with slightly higher prices due to increased cost laid down at New York. Domestic supplies light. Demand for comb hardly moderate with prices for some grades at least 25¢ lower than Dec. 30 report EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers , bottlers- Porto Rico, barrels, Light Amber $1.10, fancy $1.14 per gal. COMB: Sales to jobbers- New York and othe Eastern, -24 section cases- White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.75; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2, $4.00. Buyers paying 28-32¢ per lb for country run beeswax.

ST.LOUIS: No large receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand for comb very slow, for extracted moderate. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers.- EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, Light Amber 10 1/2-11 1/2¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. Local and nearby , mixed flavors medium to dark Amber 9-10¢. COMB: 24-section cases: Colorado, White Sweet Clover, and Michigan, various flavors $5.00-6.00.

SAN FRANCISCO: Trading moderate. Some export demand reported; market about stead; EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Per lb. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢, Light Amber 11-12¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9 1/2¢; Amber Alfalfa 7 1/2-8¢. Star Thistle 10-11¢. COMB: Sales to jobbers- Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1924.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Italy	90	14
England	1,218	720
Canada	10,683	1,445
Mexico	50	5
Cuba	15	2
Hongkong	50	7
TOTAL	12,106	2,193

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING NOVEMBER, 1924.

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	85,952	5,953
Hawaii	242,892	15,547

NO RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR NOVEMBER, 1924.

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER, 1924.

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Belgium	77,760	7,275
Denmark	18,000	1,659
Finland	24,000	1,920
Germany	806,221	79,624
Netherlands	113,755	11,251
England	398,797	47,009
Scotland	40,100	4,839
Canada	6,451	806
Honduras	36	11
Newfoundland and Labrador	79	29
Bermuda	100	39
Cuba	31	10
Bolivia	60	22
Ecuador	60	17
Peru	100	30
Venezuela	60	11
British India	780	229
Ceylon	90	23
Straits Settlements	567	155
China	748	254
Java and Madura	168	49
Other Dutch East Indies	172	49
Hongkong	300	90
Philippine Islands	1,320	405
Siam	30	10
Egypt	960	200
TOTAL	1,490,745	156,016

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER 1924.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
France	2,300	719
Portugal	13,220	3,503
England	5,194	1,738
Canada	55,290	2,433
Mexico	3,183	605
Cuba	12,533	3,563
Dominican Republic	8,424	1,986
Brazil	12,810	3,374
Chile	2,948	796
Aden	5,605	1,477
Straits Settlements	11,200	2,270
Other Dutch East Indies	56,000	3,176
Japan	2,688	357
British Oceania	360	72
Egypt	14,063	3,460
TOTAL	205,818	29,529

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING NOVEMBER, 1924.

	QUANTITY Pounds	VALUE Dollars
Porto Rico	4,680	919
Hawaii	1,167	225

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING NOVEMBER ,1924.

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Pounds	Dollars
Denmark	80	35
Canada	5,798	2,394
Honduras	20	7
Mexico	45	27
Dominican Republic	50	20
Argentina	220	70
Colombia	300	105
Japan	200	60
Australia	1,102	485
TOTAL	7,815	3,203

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HONEY NO. 161.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of January):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Southern California). Very dry; rainfall so far is even below that of last season, it is reported. Bees with ample stores have wintered better than anticipated owing to the prolonged cool weather which held up brood-rearing and consumption of stores. The cold spell is retarding the blooming of plants, and has somewhat injured orange prospects. Too cold for manzanita to secrete nectar, but bees have been active on willow on warm days. Button sage is looking fairly well. Much of the remaining orange honey is granulated. Ton lot sales White Orange reported at 13-15¢, few 12 1/2¢ per lb., small pails 18¢. Amber Buckwheat has sold, ton lots 8 1/4¢; 60s 9¢ per lb.; 10¢ per lb. offered for Light Amber Buckwheat. Light Amber, flavor not given, sold at 10-12 1/2¢ per lb. in ton lots, Amber 10¢. Beeswax, few sales 25¢ per lb. some offering 26¢. Northern California- Bees have wintered well, and an early flow is expected soon from mustard. Prospects excellent for coming year in honey and package bees. Orders for bee supplies heavy. Star Thistle, ton lots 11¢ per lb., single 60s 12 1/2¢; Amber, ton lots 8¢, 60s 9 1/2¢, small pails 12s¢, some dark bakers' grade honey sold at 7¢ per lb. Beeswax, 24-25¢ per lb. Few sales Light Amber Alfalfa, 60s 12 1/2¢ per lb., small pails 14-15¢.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Weather has been mild during the past two weeks and bees are wintering well. Prospects good for coming year, due to plenty of moisture. One car White Alfalfa and one car Light Amber reported sold at 9 1/2¢, with numerous cars held at 10¢ per lb. and above; ton lots 10¢ per lb; 60s 12-12 1/2¢, small pails 12 1/2-13 1/2¢ per lb. Wax 30-32¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Although still cold some relief from the previous extremely cold weather has been experienced lately, and in some sections bees have had several flights. Well-protected hives are wintering well, but heavy loss is looked for in bees wintered on summer stands without protection.

Demand spotted; slow with some, while others report unusually good sales during January. Quite a few carloads remain unsold in some sections; other areas practically cleaned up. Carlot sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 8 3/4¢, 9¢, 9 1/4¢, and 10¢ per lb; ton lots 9 1/4-11 1/2¢; 60s 9-12 1/2¢, few higher; small pails 12-15¢ per lb. Carlots White comb offered at $4.60 per case for fancy and $4.20 for choice with no sales reported. Few small lot sales No. 1 comb at $4.50 per case. Beeswax mostly 25¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Cold weather has made bees cluster, so they are not using as much honey as usual. The weather has also retarded blooming of willow and cottonwood. Very little honey available. Few sales reported of Light Amber Alfalfa, ton lots 8 1/3-10¢, small pails 11-13¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Except in extreme Southeast and Northeast, weather continues very dry, and the outlook is not encouraging. Many bees killed by recent freeze, and colonies have generally been weakened. A little pollen has been gathered. Demand light, but not much honey remains unsold, especially bulk comb. Few sales, Light Amber extracted, 60 lb. cans 8-12 1/2¢, small pails 12-15¢; bulk comb 15-18¢ per lb. Beeswax, light 25¢ per lb. cash, 27¢ in trade; dark 18-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Clover generally protected by snow. The severe cold weather will probably cause heavy losses to beekeepers who were not prepared for winter. Recently a few warm days have permitted flights. Only few sales reported: White Sweet Clover, ton lots 10 1/2-11¢ per lb.; 60s 12¢, one small car 12¢; Light Amber, ton 11 1/2¢, 60s 12 1/4¢, small pails 15¢; No. 1 White comb $4.20-4.50 per case; Beeswax 27-30¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Temperatures have been very low but there is generally a good covering of snow on the ground. It is feared that some colonies were smothered when sleet storms clogged entrances to hives. A few large beekeepers are well supplied with honey, but stocks generally are light. White Clover has sold, ton lots 9 1/2-12 1/2¢ per lb.; 60s 11-13 1/3¢; small pails 12 1/2-18¢; baking stock 9 1/2¢ per lb; No. 1 White comb mostly $5.00 per case, few $5.50-6.00; Beeswax 30¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in cellars wintering well. Extreme cold hard on outside-wintered colonies, and many have had no flight since last November. Clover is well protected by snow. Good demand for Buckwheat, especially in kegs; fair demand for White Clover. Ton lot sales of Buckwheat extracted in 60-lb. cans or 160-lb. kegs 8-9¢, few in cans 9 1/2-10¢; small pails 12-15¢ per lb.; White Clover, ton lots 10-12 1/2¢; 60s 12 1/2-14¢; small pails 14-18¢ per lb. White Clover comb, fancy $5.25-5.50; No. 1, $4.50-5.25; Buckwheat No. 1, $3.50-4.00, some fancy $4.50; No. 2, $3.25-3.50. Beeswax 27-29¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES:

Porto Rico- (First half of January) Total shipments from the Island for December: 2,298 lbs. wax, 6,152 gals. (73,824 lbs.) honey; 1,651 gals. were shipped during week ending Jan. 3.

Cuba- The weather has improved somewhat, and arrivals of honey from the interior are a little more abundant, but still very short. Amber extracted quoted from 90¢ per gal. in second-hand barrels, to 95¢ per gal. in new barrels.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: In Georgia bees are getting a little pollen and honey, and sealed brood has already been noted. Lack of syrup is expected to make a good demand for honey during the coming year. Orders for package bees have been brisk. There has been too much rain here and in Florida. Bad weather in Alabama is holding back brood-rearing. Clover is coming up well in Louisiana, and colonies are breeding up nicely with plenty of pollen from maple and elm. Stocks of honey very light. Few sales Light Amber extracted, small pails 12 1/2-15¢, Amber, barrels and 60-lb. cans 8-10¢ per lb.; No. 1, Comb $4.50.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Market reports are for January 30,31 or February 2.

BOSTON: No arrivals since last report. COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz $6.00, 12oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand moderate, market firm. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers-per lb., Porto Rico, Amber 10¢, Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 16-18¢. Brokers quotations delivered Boston- small lots California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2¢, Sage 13¢, White Orange 15 1/2¢.

DENVER: Demand improving, market steady, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa white 13¢, Light Amber 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.00, choice $4.50.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb. COMB: 24-section cases Colorado, White Alfalfa fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS: 1 car Ida. arrived. COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.50. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5 gal. lots or more per lb.- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 11 1/2-13¢, mostly 12-12 1/2¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 35 bbls. Mexico arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- Per lb. New York, White Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12 12 1/2¢; Buckwheat supplies light 9-10 1/2¢, mostly 10¢. California, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢, mostly 12 1/2¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 12-12½¢ Florida, White Tupelo 12-13¢, Light Amber 9¢. Porto Rico - Supplies very light, few sales reported, asking $1.00-1.10 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market dull. New York and Western, 24-section cases White and Sweet Clover fancy few sales $6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.50, mixed Clover and Buckwheat few sales fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50. BEESWAX: Since last report 96 bbls. Portugal, 34 bbls. Holland, 46 bags Egypt, 35 bags Italy, 42 cases, 31 boxes Brazil, 18 bags, 5 boxes, 11 seroons San Domingo arrived. Supplies very light. Demand good. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade. Per lb. Brazil and West Indies, light 40-41¢, dark 39¢. California, light 38-40¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Honey receipts very light since last report for both foreign and domestic. Porto Rico supplies very light. Domestic supplies light. Demand moderate, market steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers and bakers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber $1.10, fancy $1.15 per gal. New York, White Clover per lb. 15¢, Buckwheat 10 1/2¢. COMB: Sales to jobbers- New York and other Eastern, 24-section cases, White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. Buyers paying around 30¢ for country run beeswax.

ST.LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand for comb slow, for extracted moderate. [illegible] .- Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: Per lb.- California, Light Amber 10 1/2-11 1/2¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.00-6.00.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies in dealers hands remain light. Low grade honey reported practically cleaned up. Market steady, no change in prices. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Per lb- Nevada, White Sweet Clover 12-13¢; Light Amber 11-12¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9 1/2¢, Amber Alfalfa 7 1/2-8¢; Star Thistle 10-11¢. COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.25-5.50.

CHICAGO: Since last report 800 lbs. Wis. 3,425 lbs. Colo. 3,660 lbs. unknown arrived Demand and trading slow, market steady. Per lb. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, Alfalfa and White Clover mostly 11¢, Amber 9 1/2-10¢. Wisconsin and Minnesota, Alfalfa and White Clover 11-12¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa mostly 11¢. California, light to medium Amber Alfalfa 10-10 1/2¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy and No. 1, $4.25-4.50. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa fancy $5.00-5.25, few $5.50, choice $4.75-5.00. BEESWAX: Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies and shoe polish-crude light mostly around 40¢, dark 37-38¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1924.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Italy	22
Canada	5,397
Mexico	37,801
United Kingdom	18,541
France	236
TOTAL	61,997

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING DECEMBER, 1924.

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	74,567
Hawaii	393,022

RE-EXPORTS HONEY	QUANTITY Pounds
Country Not Given	48,763

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1924

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds	EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	6,000	Nicaragua	42
Denmark	7,200	Bermuda	64
Finland	6,600	Cuba	60
Germany	232,331	Bolivia	36
Italy	40	Peru	345
Netherlands	136,338	British India	1,060
Norway	3,000	Straits Settlements	60
Sweden	4,080	China	465
England	266,463	Java & Madura	220
Scotland	29,825	Other Dutch East Indies	96
Canada	1,386	Hongkong	190
Honduras	141	Philippine Islands	2,623
TOTAL			698,865

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1924.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Portugal	40,786
United Kingdom	26,968
Belgium	54,597
Turkey in Europe	15,374
Cuba	9,408
Dominican Republic	5,587
Chile	14,179
Brazil	7,998
Mexico	4,239
Egypt	27,721
TOTAL	206,857

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S. DURING DECEMBER, 1924.

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	2,298
Hawaii	7,625

EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING DECEMBER, 1924.

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
England	105
Canada	1,122
Panama	50
Mexico	533
Honduras	50
TOTAL	1,860

-Secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SALE OF HONEY IN THE DUNFERMLINE CONSULAR DISTRICT

By Howard D. Van Sant, Consul, Dunfermline, Scotland.
December 8, 1924.

Owing to the continued wet season during the summer of 1924, there appears to be a serious decrease in the honey production of this district and in Scotland, with prevailing scarcity and higher prices.

The Lowland clover honey offered in this market seems to be limited in quantity, several of the fruit and honey dealers stating that they are thus far unable to fill the orders obtained from customers in the fall months. The clover honey combs obtained by a few of the shop keepers are not more than half filled and the quality is not up to the standard of better seasons.

The situation is no better with the superior Highland heather honey thus far offered here, the honey combs being but partly filled on the average, and the honey so thin that it does not hold firm in the cells as in brighter seasons. The heather honey is the favorite honey in Scotland and is usually considered as possessing medicinal properties, being very popular with invalids and dyspeptics. The clover honey was at first offered at 50 cents per pound in partly filled combs in light wood frames, but the price was recently increased to 75 cents per comb or pound. A year ago this honey with well filled combs and in fine condition was selling at five shillings per pound frame, the crop being soon exhausted at this figure.

As this summer's supply is already approaching exhaustion, shop keepers here state that there should be a good market for American honey in Scotland during the late winter and spring months, if American honey exporters are able to ship comb or other honey to the wholesale dealers in the large cities of Scotland in the meantime. Direct shipments to wholesale honey dealers would save middlemen's profits and keep the price at a salvable figure for the consumer. The small shop keepers here handle a limited supply weekly and prefer to deal directly with the wholesale honey distributors in Glasgow or Edinburgh. Honey is becoming a popular diet of food in Scotland and the consumption of it would probably increase with an ample supply on the market.

The names of some of the principal honey sellers in Dunfermline can be supplied on request.

The executive Council of Fifeshire Beekeepers' Association holds monthly meetings usually at Cupar, the county seat. At a meeting held there on Saturday, November 29, 1924, a resolution was adopted in support of the scheme for inspection of hives and instructions to beekeepers during the summer of 1925 by touring experts, on lines suggested by Mr. John Anderson of the North of Scotland College of Agriculture at Aberdeen.

The colleges of agriculture in Scotland are interesting themselves more closely than ever before in the matter of bee culture, and renewed efforts to extend the honey producing districts are being manifested in both the Highlands and Lowlands.

BEEKEEPING IN QUEBEC

By Consul General, Albert Halstead, Montreal, Canada.
November 30, 1924.

Beekeepers in the Province of Quebec in 1924 numbered 7,417, according to the figures of the Apiculturists' Association. There were 89,830 colonies of bees. The extract of honey in 1923 was 3,530,676 lbs. and the honey marketed in combs 355,982 lbs., the total value of the honey marketed in that year being $2,300,553.

-Secured through Department of State.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL POUNDS	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
United Kingdom	1,866,583	87,195	140,316	216,930	80,832	6,153	33,520	36,120	69,130	207,092	254,110	438,897	296,288
Germany	1,812,479	44,689	42,051	16,017	10,397	27,789	17,175	11,400	35,420	133,196	435,793	806,221	232,331
Netherlands	626,199		13,611	16,680				5,511	28,900	41,764	269,640	113,755	136,338
Belgium	225,466	69,882								21,600	50,224	77,760	6,000
Italy	88,275		29,076						9,730		49,429		40
Denmark	88,218	4,839	12,000	12,377	1,262	6,000		11,400		6,000	9,140	18,000	7,200
Finland	55,984							25,384				24,000	6,600
Austria	21,143		3,484	17,659									
Norway	16,920						4,200	120	9,600				3,000
Sweden	15,740	6,000		60				1,000	4,000	600			4,080
France	5,780							380		5,400			
Switzerland	4,320			4,320									
Canary Islands	6,667								3,283		3,384		
Canada	105,383	2,233	4,267	3,843	2,043	3,045	1,632	1,040	2,119	4,592	72,732	6,451	1,386
Mexico	1,009	65		5					73	866			
Cuba	832		90	40				296	315			31	60
Peru	1,355			56		540		60	54			100	545
British India	12,457	1,656	1,409	510	765	1,138	1,160	882	249	1,877	971	780	1,060
China	15,470	1,818	1,120	1,102	2,673	3,044	888	576	792	1,020	1,224	748	465
Hongkong	4,217	819	839	150	129	646	113	576	215	120	120	300	190
Japan	3,572	48	600	752	1,490	288			245	149			
Straits Settlements	3,490	223	240	738	120	876		80	106	300	180	567	60
French Indo China	947					240		528			179		
Philippine Islands	20,231	3,432	1,304	720	1,970	1,090		1,566	879	603	4,724	1,320	2,623
Java and Madura	3,524	240	368	150	300	575			945		558	168	220
Dutch East Indies	1,030	390		48	300				24			172	96
Other Countries	6,469	309	442	553	303	846	54	661	605	255	683	1,475	283
TOTALS	5,013,760	223,838	251,217	292,710	102,584	52,270	58,742	97,580	166,684	425,434	1,153,091	1,490,745	698,865

NOTE: The total, 5,013,760 lbs. of exports for the calendar year ending December 31, 1924, compares with a total of 2,086,008 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 1,921,815 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR DURING DECEMBER 31, 1924 BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Mexico	114,953	740			2,070		21,720	27,710	2,270	16,053	6,539	50	37,801
Canada	53,095	4,808	2,152	3,574	1,075	480	185	1,260	2,369	7,858	13,254	10,683	5,397
Dominican Republic	30,120	5,828						5,924	14,400		3,968		
British West Indies	5,802							4,992		810			
Haiti	2,663	2,520								143			
French West Indies	1,453		1,453										
Cuba	15											15	
Guatemala	5,640			3,000			2,640						
Salvador	448										448		
Costa Rica	58		58										
Colombia	389		389										
United Kingdom	36,659	96	3,696	576	1,712	3,168	1,152	1,068			5,432	1,218	18,541
Greece	14,155	5,066		225		4,638				3,906	320		
Italy	2,993			1,920		24		673		128	136	90	22
France	761	350				75			100				236
Switzerland	27						27						
Palestine and Syria	6,011	486	220	1,445		722	1,340		38	770	990		
Turkey in Asia	506	171	327	8									
Azores and Madeira Islands	40										40		
Japan	258			258									
Hongkong	368	35		70		115		98				50	
TOTALS	276,414	20,100	8,295	11,076	4,857	9,222	27,064	41,725	19,177	29,668	31,127	12,106	61,997

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1924.

	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Porto Rico	2,359,598	245,292	116,887	95,685	63,511	163,047	91,963	106,672	519,487	563,470	233,065	85,952	74,567
Hawaii	1,978,491	371,476	47,178	28,943	33,444	18,750	181,272	53,608	41,984	320,987	244,935	242,892	393,022
TOTALS	4,338,089	616,768	164,065	124,628	96,955	181,797	273,235	160,280	561,471	884,457	478,000	328,844	467,589

NOTE: The total shipments from Porto Rico and Hawaii to the United States for the calendar year 1924, 4,338,089 lbs., compare with a total of 4,003,990 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 4,410,355 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924. The total imports from other countries 276,414 lbs., compare with a total of 364,970 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 348,188 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.
Total receipts from all countries, 4,614,503 lbs. for the calendar year 1924 compare with a total of 4,368,960 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 4,758,543 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

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IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Portugal	603,089	96,816	65,519		200,372	111,906					74,470	13,220	40,786
United Kingdom	315,653	56,685	48,207	23,661	50,618	83,604	8	6,279	14,257	172		5,194	26,968
Belgium	263,421	53,913	14,930	10,495			27,020	44,156			58,310		54,597
Spain	143,983					122,775	5,540	15,668					
Germany	68,714	2,205	26,202			22,203	17,575			529	[illegible]		
Turkey in Europe	55,034	7,092	2,600		20,000			4,322	5,646				15,374
Italy	32,139	4,415	2,207	55	15,276		1,287		3,026	3,633	2,240		
France	31,669					11,155	67	3,307		8,268	6,572	2,300	
Netherlands	6,023	1,552		1,578			1,484			1,409			
Cuba	312,555	23,795	24,309	84,101	34,386	25,372	20,633	25,057	28,919	2,104	21,938	12,533	9,408
Chile	371,653	39,702	13,621	1,023	69,561	115,780	55,645	42,599	949	12,446	3,200	2,948	14,179
Brazil	335,000	3,800	13,124	18,189	13,248	6,262	6,171	35,500	26,473	60,741	130,684	12,810	7,998
Argentina	13,372						13,372						
Dominican Republic	121,756	4,980	6,887	3,011	11,835	4,775	1,737	17,139	14,763	23,493	19,125	8,424	5,587
Mexico	17,967				10,361		39	65	65	15		3,183	4,239
Canada	6,864	337		1,262	373	80	4,687				125		
Hongkong	112,489	10				112,112	108	80		179			
Japan	47,714					226					44,800	2,688	
Dutch East Indies	56,000											56,000	
Straits Settlements	11,200											11,200	
Egypt	125,662	1,960	12,806	33,317	6,540	4,661	5,282	3,684	4,770	3,503	7,355	14,063	27,721
Aden	23,635			1,988	4,480			2,800			8,762	5,605	
British East Africa	4,483									4,483			
Other Countries	16,338	2,336	3,140		5,056			991		3,855	600	360	
TOTALS	3,096,413	299,598	233,552	178,680	442,106	620,911	160,655	201,647	98,868	124,830	378,181	150,526	206,857

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1924.

	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Porto Rico	32,677	5,297	1,107	3,022	1,769	3,450	1,590	200	289	1,778	7,197	4,680	2,298
Hawaii	22,775		3,371	2,990	3,670				460	3,292	200	1,167	7,625
TOTALS	55,452	5,297	4,478	6,012	5,439	3,450	1,590	200	749	5,070	7,397	5,847	9,923

NOTE: The total imports from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii, 3,151,865 lbs. for the calendar year 1924, compares with a total of 3,618,195 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 3,324,850 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

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EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1924, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATIONS
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Canada	47,849	4,172	1,025	5,456	6,036	6,417	8,037	2,125	2,898	1,338	3,425	5,798	1,122
Mexico	3,875	10		20		260		221	2,230		556	45	533
Cuba	518	2		142		224					150		
Panama	819	200				500	4	5	60				50
Honduras	136	50									16	20	50
Ecuador	1,646						1,646						
Colombia	525	100			25						100	300	
Argentina	420										200	220	
Chile	220			188							32		
England	15,587		14,092			224			1,166				105
Netherlands	3,371					3,371							
Italy	254										254		
New Zealand	7,322	2,370	2,160	2,252			140	400					
Australia	5,587		25		4,400		60					1,102	
Philippine Islands	3,100	1,600	100	1,400									
Japan	912										712	200	
Hongkong	300					300							
Newfoundland and Labrador	128			128									
Other Countries	515	60		50	52	64	20		79	60		130	
TOTALS	93,084	8,564	17,402	9,636	10,513	11,360	9,907	2,751	6,433	1,398	5,445	7,815	1,860

The total exports of beeswax, 93,084 lbs. for the calendar year 1924, compares with a total of 118,456 lbs. for the calendar year 1923, and with a total of 136,080 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

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HONEY NO. 162.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Southern California). January was very dry, and with continued dry weather prospects for 1925 sage and buckwheat honey crops are very doubtful. Rainfall has been less than last year. But vegetation is green and can still be saved. It is warm, and bees are gathering pollen from river willows; there has been considerable bloom on eucalyptus during the winter; and manzanita is yielding some surplus. Winter loss was small. In Imperial Valley brood-rearing has just started. A few cars of Light Amber Alfalfa are left, for which beekeepers are asking 9¢ per lb. One car Light Amber Alfalfa sold recently for 8 1/4¢ per lb.; ton lots extra Light Amber Sage 9 1/2-10 1/2¢; wax 26¢ per lb. Northern California- Rainfall above normal. Over 2 inches of rain fell during past two weeks, and some rivers rose over their banks- a very unusual situation. Plants are making fine growth, and some almonds are in bloom. Bees wintered well. Few case lots White Star Thistle sold at 10¢ per lb. Beeswax 26¢ per lb. cash. Central California- Seasonal rains have fallen and prospects are good for the coming year. Bees have been working on manzanita.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST. Temperature mild and bees reported working on maples February 1. They have wintered well so far except those weakened by spray poisoning last year. Prospects favorable for this season's crop. Considerable inquiry by wholesale buyers but at lower prices than holders have been asking. Carlot sales White Alfalfa reported at 10¢ per lb., ton lots 9 3/4-10¢, 60s 11-12 1/2¢, small pails 13-14¢ per lb; few sales No. 2 comb $3.80; Beeswax 26-28¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Recent unusually mild weather has not only permitted flights on several days, but some queens reported laying. Cold weather returned, however, before much of this occurred. Some sections report heavy loss in unprotected hives. Light snows indicate shortage of water in some areas.

Demand for extracted fair, but improving for comb honey, with carlot sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at $4.60 per case for fancy and $4.20 for choice. Extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa has sold in carlots at 8 1/2¢ and 9¢ per lb., ton lots 10¢, 60s 10-12 1/2¢, and small pails 12-12 1/2¢ per lb. Few sales Light Amber 60s at 9-11¢ per lb. Beeswax, 23-28¢ per lb.

ARIZONA. Brood -rearing has started in some sections; and bees are bringing in pollen. Cottonwood trees reported late in budding. Some feeding reported. Drouth continues. Few sales 60s Light Amber reported at 10¢, small pails 11-13¢ per lb.

TEXAS. Extreme drouth lessens prospects for early brood-rearing. Bees are getting a little pollen from elm and mistletoe, but vegetation generally has not started. Condition of bees and amount of stores on hand spotted, although little honey is left on hand, practically no demand is reported. One large lot Light Amber extracted in small pails sold at 11¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA. Warm days have permitted several flights. Ample moisture should result in good clover crop. Demand improving somewhat for extracted, but not many sales reported. Ton lots White Clover sold at 8-10 1/2¢, 60s 12 1/4-15¢ per lb.; small pails 14¢ per lb.; Light Amber, ton lots 8-9¢ per lb.; Beeswax average yellow 24-30¢, bright 35¢ per lb;; No. 1 Comb $3.60 per case, poorly graded low as $2.40 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: A heavy thaw removed all snow in many sections and the freezing and thawing of the ground may affect clover and other vegetation. Even in Minnesota bees flew freely several days. Colonies wintered in cellars were restless during warm spell, but are generally wintering well. Little honey left, especially of comb. Demand slow. Few sales White Clover, ton lots 9-12 1/2¢, 60s 10-13¢, small pails 13 1/3-18¢ per lb.; No. 1 White Comb $4.00-5.75. Beeswax is in better demand; selling at 26-28¢, few 38¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in cellars wintering well. Others had a number of flight days where hives not covered with snow, and are in good condition. Following period of warm weather, ground is again covered with snow. Not much honey remains unsold, and few sales reported. Some inquiry for beeswax reported. White Clover and Basswood are selling in large lots at 11-12¢, 60s 13-15¢; small pails 14-18¢. Light Amber Clover, ton lots 11¢; Buckwheat extracted, large lots 8 1/2-9¢, 60s 9 1/2-10½¢, small pails 11-14¢. Comb honey, White Clover $4.50-5.00, few $5.50, Buckwheat $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 27-30¢, few 32-38¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Almost all reports point to a favorable outlook for the coming season- one large Georgia beekeeper states it is better than could be expected. Bees in that State are strong and ready for supers. They are just starting to make new crop. Nectar is coming in from maple and ty ty, and pollen from tag alder. Swarming season will soon be on. Package bees are moving well. There has been plenty of rain in Florida and oranges will soon be in bloom. In Louisiana some fruit trees are in bloom; clover is growing well with some bloom showing; and colonies are building up rapidly. Prospects reported excellent in North Carolina. Few sales Light Amber, in bbls. 10¢, in small pails 12 1/2¢ lb.

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WEST INDIES:

Porto Rico: (Last half of January) For the week ending Jan. 17, 1,135 gals. of honey and 3,517 lbs. of beeswax were shipped out of the Island.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for February 13-14.

BOSTON: Since last report 7 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. COMB: Demand moderate, mar market steady. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies light; Porto Rican stock cleaned up. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢, New York, White Clover 16-18¢. Brokers quotations delivered Boston- small lots California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2¢, Sage 13¢, White Orange 15 1/2¢.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50.

CHICAGO: Arrivals since last report 1,220 lbs. Neb. 36,000 lbs. Wyo. arrived. Demand and trading light, market steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, Alfalfa and White Clover, White 11- 11 1/2¢, Light Amber mostly around 10¢. Wisconsin, Basswood and White Clover 12 -13¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-10 1/2¢. New York, Buckwheat, small amount 9 1/2-10¢. Intermountain, Alfalfa and White Sweet Clover 11-11 1/2¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy and No. 1, $4.25-4.50, No. 2, mostly $4.00, odd shaped and broken combs $3.00-3.50. Intermountain, Alfalfa and White Sweet Clover, mostly $5.00, few $5.25. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market about steady. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies or shoe polish, crude light mostly around 35¢, few higher, dark 30-32¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: Supplies light. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.25; No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. Demand slow, market dull. COMB: Supplies liberal. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $5.25, few $5.50; White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5 gal. lots or more. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12-12 1/2¢, some 11 1/2¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since lastreport 35 bbls. Mexico, 15 bbls. Porto Rico, 61 bbls. 50 cases Cuba, 2 bbls. San Domingo arrived. Domestic receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers. Per lb.- New York, White Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12-12 1/2¢; Buckwheat 9-10 1/2¢. California, Light Amber Sage 12 1/2-13¢, mostly 12 1/2¢. Intermountain, Section, White Sweet Clover 11-13¢. mostly 12-12 1/2¢. Florida, White Tupelo 12-13¢. few sales 13 1/4¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Porto Rico, practically no supplies on market, asking $1.05-1.10 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market dull. New York and Western, 24-section cases WhiteClover fancy few sales $6.00, No. 1, mostly $5.50, No. 2, mostly $4.50, mixed Clover and Buckwheat fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50. BEESWAX: Since last report 13 bags Porto Rico, 47 bags Turkey, 30 bags Italy, 2 serons San Domingo, 14 cases Cuba arrived. Supplies very light. Demand exceeds supply. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- Brazil and West Indies, Light 41-42¢, mostly 42¢, medium and dark 39¢. Africa, Light 41¢ per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: Honey receipts very light. Since last report for both foreign and domestic. Supplies Porto Rico and Domestic very light. Demand limited, market firm. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers- Porto Ricao, barrels Light Amber $1.00-1.14 per gal. New York, per lb. 5 gal. cans White Clover 13-15¢, Buckwheat 10 1/4-10 1/2¢. COMB: Sales to jobbers- New York and other Eastern, few sales 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. BEESWAX: Country run, mostly around 30¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand rather dull for both comb and extracted. Per lb.- Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: In 5-gal. cans, California Light Amber, mostly Alfalfa, 10 1/2-11 1/2¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors medium to dark Amber 9-10¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: No receipts reported since last report. Dealers quoting 24 1/2¢ to producers for ungraded country run wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: EXTRACTED: Honey supplies light, but a car of Montana comb and car Oregon extracted are expected next week. Dealers expect to secure around 12¢ per lb for the Oregon White Alfalfa. Nevada, extracted practically cleaned up. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9 1/2¢, Amber Alfalfa 7-7 1/2¢, Star Thistle 10-11¢. COMB: Supplies light. Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $5.25-5.50. BEESWAX: Market very strong. 33-35¢ per lb.

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HONEY NO. 163.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of February):

CALIFORNIA POINTS:(Southern California). Bees are brooding up heavily on wild plum and willow and are making some surplus honey from manzanita and wild buckthorn, but there is little to follow. Showers have been scanty, and with insufficient rain prospects for sage along the coast are poor. American foulbrood is bad in some sections. Beeswax is selling at 28¢ per lb. Broodrearing is well under way in the Imperial Valley, and alfalfa will shortly be in bloom. There is said to be about one car of honey left in the valley.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA- Rainfall had been above normal and sage is green. Broodrearing is well along. Plenty of fruit bloom, mustard and willows for bees to work on, and manzanita has been yielding well. The bees wintered in good shape.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- There have been heavy rains and floods since last report, some beekeepers losing their apiaries. Bees are building up rapidly. Almonds are furnishing considerable dark honey. Few ton lot sales Thistle honey 10-11¢ per lb; Amber, tonlot 8 3/4¢, small pails 12 1/2¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST- Bees have been gathering pollen and starting broodrearing. Few sales White Sweet Clover and alfalfa, ton lot 9 3/4¢ small pails 12 1/2-14¢; 1 car light Amber 10 1/2¢; beeswax 26¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION- Honey is gradually getting cleaned up, but a few scattered cars are still unsold. February was unusually mild and some brood has hatched. Consumption of stores has been heavy, and those who neglect to feed may have heavy losses. Some sections have been very dry, and although moisture may generally be ample, prospective water shortage has been reported from points in Wyoming, Nevada, Utah and Colorado.

Several carlots White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 9¢, 9 1/2¢ and 10¼¢ per lb., 60s 9-12¢, small pails 10-14¢, few 15¢ per lb., 1 car Light Amber Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 9¢. Comb prices show considerable range. One car White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa sold for $4.60 per case for fancy, $4.20 for choice; large lots No. 1 and fancy have moved at $4.50-4.90 per case, choice and No. 2, $4.00-4.40; one large lot fancy and choice mixed sold at $4.50 per case. Beeswax, 22-26¢, mostly 25 -26¢ per lb., few higher.

ARIZONA- Bees brooding up rapidly on cottonwood. Many colonies short on stores. Rainfall light, and little honey expected this season from mesquite and catclaw. Much Alfalfa is being ploughed up for cotton.

NEW MEXICO- Spring rains have started, breaking a long drouth. Colonies are generally strong, but many are feeding. Most colonies have sealed brood.

TEXAS- Except in northeastern part of State is has been too dry for vegetation to grow. Prospects are light for a honey crop from horsemint, and little brood is being raised. Some feeding is now necessary. Orders for package bees numerous. Honey very scarce. Few sales Light Amber, extracted, 60s 10-12¢ per lb., small pails 13-15¢; bulk comb, 5-lb pails 18-19¢ per lb. Beeswax, light, 25¢ per lb. cash, 27¢ in trade; dark, 22-24¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA- Bees and clover have wintered well. Recent warm weather has resulted in numerous flights. Honey sales slow, but old crop should be cleaned up before new honey is available. Few sales White Extracted 10¢ per lb., 60s 12-15¢, small pails 14-18¢ per lb.; No. 1 White Comb $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50 per case. Good demand for beeswax, which has sold at 27-30¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES- After several February flights bees seem in good shape where stores are ample. Some have started brood. Bees in cellars somewhat uneasy during warm spell. Large shipments of supplies going South. Sales of honey rather slow, but stocks are nowhere numerous. Few sales White Clover in ton lots 10-12¢ per lb., 60s 12 1/2-15¢, small pails 13-17¢; baking grade 9¢; No. 1 White Comb $5.00-5.50 per case, No. 1 dark $4.00; beeswax 30-33¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES- Working on willow and fruit bloom, bees in Louisiana are bringing in plenty of pollen and some nectar. Clover is beginning to bloom in some areas. Brood-rearing is well advanced in Georgia, where colonies are working freely on fruit bloom and titi. As flooded regions cannot be burned over this spring, more bee pasture will result. Swarming reported February 20. Orders for package bees numerous, and queen-rearing is well under way. In Alabama, due to warm weather bees are rearing more brood than usual at this time of year and honey plants are getting a good start. The Florida outlook is unusually good; but colonies are far below normal due to heavy losses of flying bees during recent floods.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are wintering very well, with frequent flights in February. Clover is reported in condition for a bumper crop if lack of snow protection does not injure it. The open weather will probably start brood-rearing early, with a larger consumption of stores than normal. Stocks of honey are getting very light. Few sales reported. Extracted, White Clover, ton lots 11-12¢, 60s 12-13¢, small pails 13-18¢; Buckwheat, cans or kegs 9-10¢, few 12¢, small pails 10-14¢. Comb honey, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy and No. 1, $4.50-5.50, some $6.00, No.2, $4.00-4.75; Buckwheat, fancy and No. 1, $3.75-4.50 per case, No. 2, $3.25-3.75. Beeswax 28-30¢, few 35¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Market reports are for February 27 or 28.

BOSTON: One case Nova Scotia arrived. COMB: Demand limited, market about steady, no change in prices. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24- section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies decreasing. Demand moderate, market firm, prices unchanged. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 16-18¢. Brokers quotations delivered Boston- small lots California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2¢, Sage 13¢, White Orange 15 1/2¢.

DENVER: Demand improving, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50.

CHICAGO: Since last report 4,550 lbs. Neb. 63,090 lbs. Wyo., 1,309 lbs. Ia., 800 lbs. Wis. arrived. Supplies liberal. Demand and trading slow, market slightly weaker and dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, Alfalfa and Clover, White mostly 11¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Wisconsin, Basswood and White Clover mostly 12¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, mostly 11¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover, White $4.00-4.50, poorer quality and off-color $2.50-3.00. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $4.75-5.00, off quality and color $4.00-4.50. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies and shoe polish- crude light mostly around 35¢, few higher, dark 30-32¢. Supplies light.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers. Per lb. EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.25. Idaho, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, $5.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market slightly weaker. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12-12 1/2¢, some low as 10 1/2¢.

NEW YORK: * EXTRACTED: Receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers. Per lb. New York, White Clover 11-13¢. mostly 12-12 1/2¢, Buckwheat 10-10 1/2¢. California, Light Amber Sage few sales 12 1/2-13¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12-12 1/2¢. Florida, White Tupelo 12-13¢. Porto Rico, supplies very light $1.10-1.15 per gallon. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand light, market dull. New York and Western, 24-section cases White Clover fancy few sales $6.00, No. 1, mostly $5.00-5.50, No. 2, mostly $4.50; New York, mixed Clover and Buckwheat fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50. BEESWAX: Supplies very light. Demand exceeds supply. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- Chili, Brazil, and West Indies, Light 42-43¢, medium and dark 38-39¢, Africa, 41¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Honey receipts very light since last report for both foreign and domestic. Supplies of Porto Rico and Domestic very light. Demand light, market steady, few sales. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber $1.00-1.15 per gal. New York, White Clover fancy 13-15¢ per lb. California, dark Alfalfa 10½¢ per lb. COMB: Very few sales reported; quoting, sales to jobbers- New York and other Eastern, few sales 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

ST. LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow for comb, only fair for extracted. Per lb. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2-11¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors, medium to dark Amber 9-10¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases, White Sweet Clover $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: Approximately 500 lbs. received. Dealers quoting 27¢ to producers for country run ungraded wax.

* ADDITIONAL NEW YORK: Arrivals during past 2 weeks: Honey- 19 cases, 11 boxes Porto Rico arrived. Beeswax- 14 sacks, 9 bags, 11 seroons Santo Domingo, 57 bbls., 171 bags Cuba; 4 bbls. 2 bags Porto Rico; 50 bags, 22 bbls. 30 boxes Brazil; 116 bbls. Holland; 70 bbls. Germany, 21 bags Italy; 20 cases, 66 packages France; 51 bags Egypt.

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HONEY- NO. 164.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS(First half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS:(Southern California). Although light early March rains improved conditions in some areas, in general deficient rainfall for the third successive year makes crop prospects poor from sage and other wild plants. Manzanita bore well, and buckthorn and wild mountain lilac are now yielding heavily. While bees with ample stores are building up rapidly, many colonies are in bad condition due to neglect, shortage of stores and disease. One estimate is that one-third to one-half of the bees will be lost before orange bloom opens, the first of April. Much call reported for locally-produced honey from the local trade. Beeswax is in good demand at 26-30¢ per lb.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- The weather has been warm, and honey plants have been thriving. Manzanita is yielding nicely, helping queen-rearing, and supplying pound package men with plenty of bees. Almond nectar is still coming in and bees will shortly move to prune orchards. Heavy flow on from mustard. Good crop looked for from thistles. American foulbrood reported to some extent in most apiaries. Amber Thistle honey has sold in ton lot at 9 1/2¢ per lb., dark mixed 7 3/4¢ per lb. Beeswax, 25¢ per lb. in cash, 26¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST.- Bees are working on willows, maple and cottonwood, and brood-rearing is well under way. Ample snow reported in the hills. Prospects good for a heavy fruit bloom. No. 1 White Comb reported sold at $4.00-4.50 per case, with one small car extracted sold at 8 1/4¢ per lb. Beeswax 25¢ per lb. cash, 26¢ per lb. in trade.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION- Bees have apparently wintered better than expected. They are flying almost every day, and present indications are that winter losses will be light. Brood-rearing has started and consumption of stores is heavy. Some colonies are already short of stores. Prospects for irrigation water are uncertain in some sections.

The market for extracted honey has been generally dull during the past two weeks, with quite a few scattered cars still unsold. Three cars extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa sold at 9¢ per lb., 1 car at 9 1/4¢ per lb., some are reported holding for 10-10 1/2¢ per lb. Demand improving slightly for comb-one carlot White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold at $4.60 per case for fancy and $4.20 for choice. Beeswax has brought the beekeeper 25-30¢, some low as 22¢ per lb.

ARIZONA- Bees are rearing brood. Numerous cases of feeding reported. Willows will bloom in a few days. Very dry. Inquiry for honey fairly good, but little honey to sell. One car Light Amber Alfalfa sold at 7¢ per lb. Beeswax has moved at 25-28¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO- Bees are working on several plants, but only enough to stimulate brood-rearing. They should build up rapidly if there is not too much cold wind.

TEXAS- Dry weather makes prospects rather unfavorable for spring crop of honey except in northwest portion of states. Little horsemint honey is looked for. Bees are getting considerable pollen and some nectar from various sources, and are generally building up rapidly. Little honey available. Few sales Light Amber extracted at 10-12¢ per lb. basis, few higher. Beeswax 25-30¢, mostly 30¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA- Bees are flying and pollen is coming in. Winter losses seem light where bees were properly packed, but some losses of 50-75% reported. Honey is moving slowly at steady prices. Few beekeepers have any left. The beeswax market is strong at advanced prices. Sales reported at 30¢ per lb. for average wax, 33-35¢ per lb. for yellow.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES- In extreme northern portion bees have had several flight days; further south they have flown frequently. Clover is yet in good condition, although in many cases not covered with snow and may suffer from continual freezing and thawing. Little honey left in producers' hands, and prices in some sections show slight advance. Tonlots White Clover have moved at 10 1/2-12 1/2¢ per lb.;60s 15¢;small pails,18¢ per lb.; No. 1 White Comb,wide range $4.00-5.00, few $5.75, No. 2, $4.00 per case. Beeswax prices have advanced; one lot light yellow sold at 38¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES- Bees had several flights during early March although it is still cold in northern part of section. Bees in cellars uneasy. Clover is starting nicely. Honey nearly exhausted. Few sales extracted White Clover, ton lots 10 1/2-12¢ per lb., 60s , 12-13¢, small pails 14-15¢ per lb.; Buckwheat, large lots 10¢, small pails 11¢ per lb.; Comb, White Clover, fancy and No. 1, $4.35-5.00, No. 2, $4.00 per case; fancy Buckwheat $4.50 per case. Beeswax has advanced in price, yellow selling at 28-35¢, some 40-50¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES- The outlook for a honey crop in Louisiana is the best in years. Most hives have 6 to 8 solid frames of brood, and some have more. Nectar is coming in from willow and white clover in the southern part of the State. In Georgia brood-rearing was retarded by cold weather the first week in March, but bees are again bringing in pollen and nectar. Mississippi reports plenty of sealed brood. The outlook for the package business is the best in years and prospects are excellent for white and sweet clover. The flow from clover should be normal in Alabama. Oranges are late in blooming in Florida, where bees are working on pennyroyal. Few sales. Barrels Light Amber extracted have sold at 8-10¢ per lb., Amber 8¢, small pails, Amber and Light Amber 12-12 1/2¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for March 14 or 16.

BOSTON: No large arrivals during past 2 weeks. COMB: Supplies slowly cleaning up. Demand limited, market dull, prices unchanged. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24- section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand moderate, market steady, few sales at unchanged prices. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 16-18¢.

DENVER: Demand light, market steady, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50 and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand very slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.00. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $5.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12-12 1/2¢, some low as 10 1/2¢.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 5 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Receipts moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans, per lb. New York, White Clover 12-13¢, mostly 12 1/2-13¢; Buckwheat, supplies about cleaned up 10-11¢; California, Light Amber Sage, supplies very light, few sales 13¢; Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 11-13¢, mostly around 12¢; barrels: Florida and Georgia, Light Amber 10 1/2-11¢ per lb.; Porto Rico practically no supplies, asking $1.00-1.15. per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand light, market about steady. New York and Western, Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, ordinary , No. 2, $4.00-4.50. New York, mixed Clover and Buckwheat , No. 1 and fancy $4.00-5.00. BEESWAX: Since last report 150 bags Cuba, 6 bags San Domingo, 67 bags Brazil, 25 bags Italy, 20 bags Germany, 50 cases Holland arrived. Supplies very light. Demand exceeds supply. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- Chili, Brazil and Cuba, Light 42-43¢, dark 38-39¢, California, Light 40-42¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts very light, particularly for comb. Supplies very light. Demand slow, market rather dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, few sales, barrels Light Amber mostly $1.15 per gal. Amber, $1.11 per gal. Florida, barrels Light Amber $1.14 per gal. Eastern, 60-lb. cans Buckwheat 10¢ per lb. White Clover, fancy 13-15¢. COMB: Very few sales. New York and Other Eastern, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50, Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50.

ST.LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow and draggy, market dull for both comb and extracted. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: 5-gal. cans, per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10 1/2-11 1/2¢. Local and nearby, mixed flavors medium to dark amber 9-10¢. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases, White Sweet Clover $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: 506 lb. reported received since last report. Dealers quoting 27¢ per lb. to producers for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading good, market steady. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Oregon, Light Amber Alfalfa 12-12 1/2¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-9 1/2¢, Amber Alfalfa 7-7 1/2¢, Star Thistle 10-11¢. Idaho, Water White Alfalfa mostly 13¢. COMB: No supplies. No sales reported. BEESWAX: Supplies light 33-35¢ per lb.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

CHICAGO: Since last report 4,250 lbs. Nebr. received. Supplies liberal. Demand and trading slow, market dull and weak. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, Alfalfa and White Clover, White mostly 11¢, dark to light Amber 9-10¢. Wisconsin, Basswood and White Clover 12¢. Intermountain Region, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mostly 11¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover, White $4.50, few $4.75, dark and off-color $2.50-3.50. Intermountain Region, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover $4.75-5.00. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- crude light mostly 35¢, few higher, dark 30-32¢.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1925.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
France	900
Italy	963
United Kingdom	2,358
Canada	1,688
Mexico	6,429
Dominican Republic	100
Hongkong	411
Palestine and Syria	45
TOTAL	12,894

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING JANUARY 1925.

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	99,125
Hawaii	117,127

RE-EXPORTS HONEY	QUANTITY Pounds
Country not given	3,434

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1925.

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	9,840
Denmark	6,000
France	13,340
Germany	386,568
Netherlands	59,490
Sweden	90
United Kingdom	203,110
Canada	425
Honduras	33
Nicaragua	85
Newfoundland and Labrador	270
Bermuda	50
Colombia	178
Peru	101
British India	796
Ceylon	60
Straits Settlements	90
China	852
Java and Madura	2,252
French Indo China	360
Kongkong	120
Philippine Islands	2,370
Siam	30
BritishOceania	30
TOTAL	686,540

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY, 1925.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Italy	1,120
Portugal	25,623
United Kingdom	19,783
Mexico	1,311
Other British West Indies	100
Cuba	14,727
Dominican Republic	14,183
Haiti	931
Brazil	25,050
Aden	982
British India	8,856
Straits Settlements	10,800
British East Africa	3,900
Egypt	18,597
TOTAL	145,963

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING JANUARY, 1925.

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	3,917
Hawaii	10,452

Exports of beeswax are no longer tabulated by Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

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A Survey of commerce and industries of the Cape Hatien District during the year 1924.
Cape Hatien, Haiti
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Honey was shipped in almost exactly the same amounts as last year. Its principal market was in France where it commanded fair prices.

About 1,000 barrels were shipped from this port. The honey was generally of a good quality but no attempt at grading took place, a factor which weighs heavily against its sales in the United States.

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HONEY - NO. 165

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of March):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Southern California). It has been warm, and bees with plenty of honey have generally built up strongly. Those that are in the orange belt should get some honey; in fact, a little orange honey has already come in. Outside the orange area hot dry winds are rapidly drying up various honey plants; but early heavy rains would still give a small crop of sage and a fair buckwheat crop. Report received that colonies gathered about 20 lbs. each from willow along the Coast. In the Imperial Valley bees are building up rapidly; alfalfa, with increased acreage, is in bloom; and bees are gathering some honey from weeds along canal banks. Ton lot sales White Orange reported at 14-16¢ per lb., smaller lots 14½-18¢, small pails 19¢ per lb; Amber ton lots 8½-9¢, small lots 9-12¢ per lb. Beeswax 26-32¢ per lb.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA: An increased alfalfa acreage is reported in the San Joaquin Valley.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: Fruit bloom will be over shortly. Prospects are good for a thistle crop, but more rain would be helpful. Although rainfall has been twice that of last season, it is still reported below normal. There has been little swarming so far, but many queen cells have started. Beeswax has sold at 28¢ per lb. cash, 29¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The honey flora is very early this year. Bees are getting pollen from maple and poplars, are brooding better than at this time last year, and are already reported working on fruit bloom. General prospects show an improvement over those of a year ago, although considerable alfalfa was killed out by the severe winter. Ton lot sales reported, White Alfalfa 8½¢, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 9 3/4¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 26-28¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees have generally wintered well. The weather has been mild for several weeks, and bees are working on maple. Brood-rearing reported some weeks earlier than usual. Although moisture has generally been ample, the light snowfall indicates a short water supply in Wyoming, Eastern Utah and some other sections.

Inquiry shows a little improvement for comb and extracted, although actual sales have not been numerous. Several cars of comb and extracted are still unsold, but it is expected that old honey will be practically cleaned up before the new crop comes on. Two cars White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold at 9¢ per lb., 1 car at 9½¢, and 1 car Water White candied at 9¢ per lb; ton lots 10-11¢, single 60s 9-12¢, small pails 11-14¢; ton lot Light Amber Sweet Clover 10¢ per lb. Carrier lots of White Comb sold for $4.60 per case for fancy, $4.00 for choice; asking for carlot $4.60 for fancy, $4.20 for choice. Beeswax, average yellow, has sold at 27-29¢ per lb. cash, 30¢ in trade, one lot No. 1 yellow 35¢ per lb.; medium dark 26¢ lb.

ARIZONA: Weather has been dry. Only strong colonies are gathering sufficient stores for brooding. The early mesquite was frost-bitten.

NEW MEXICO: Bees are working on cotton wood and willow and building up slowly. It is still dry, but prospects are good from mesquite and arrow wood.

TEXAS: A three-inch rain recently helped the drouth in portions of Central Texas. Bees are in better condition than expected, and are building up strongly. Such plants as mesquite, catclaw, persimmon and guajillo are budding. Very little honey remains unsold. Beeswax has sold at 25-30¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Bees are gathering pollen from maple, and brood-rearing is actively going on. Recent snow has improved clover prospects, but rain is needed in some areas. Very few sales reported.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees wintered outdoors have come through well, with little loss; those in cellars will soon be taken out. Little winter loss reported, but there is some shortage of stores. Bees are gathering pollen from maples and brood-rearing is active. Lack of snow resulted in alternate thawing and freezing which has damaged clover in a few sections; but in general crop prospects for 1925 are excellent. Little honey remains in beekeepers' hands. Few sales White Clover extracted, ton lots 10-12¢, 60s 10-15¢, few low as 8-9¢, small pails 12½-15¢ per lb.; Buckwheat 8¢ per lb.; few cases No. 1 White Comb $4.50-5.50 per case. Beeswax has sold at 28-32¢ per lb., some higher.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Outdoor bees wintered unusually well. They are flying nearly every day and are getting pollen from maple and willow in many sections. Some capped brood reported. Bees in cellars reported wintering best in years, and will soon be taken out. Very little honey remains unsold. Few sales White Clover extracted, ton lots 11-12¢, 60s 13¢, small pails 11-18¢ per lb.; Buckwheat, large lots 10¢, small pails 11¢ per lb.; Comb, fancy White Clover $4.50-5.00, fancy Buckwheat $4.00 per case; Beeswax, 28-35¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The past two months have been unusually favorable for bees in Louisiana, where the willow flow is on in earnest and the red haw and Judas tree are yielding much nectar. Brood-rearing is at its best, and conditions are excellent for a fine spring crop. Swarming has begun. Extracting will start in April. Honey is being extracted all over Southern Georgia and Northern Florida from ty ty and huckleberry, from which the crop has been unusually good, with bees in best of shape. Swarming has been general and more than usual. Prospects are for another bumper crop in Georgia, which reports a good demand for package bees and queens.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES (Continued) Queen yards are making a good start. Bees are beginning to work on gallberry and oranges in Florida, where some colonies are unusually weak due to loss of flying bees in recent floods. In Alabama, bees are actively gathering nectar from early fruit bloom and bees and plants are in good condition.

WEST INDIES: (First half of March) PORTO RICO: During week ending March 14, 1,883 gallons of honey and 768 lbs. of beexwax were shipped out of the Island. Shipments for last 2 weeks of February totaled 2,318 gallons of honey and 473 lbs. of beeswax.

CUBA: The crop is now coming to an end and as it has been unusually dry for the time of year there may be no more honey unless the weather improves. Dark extracted in barrels of about 600 lbs. net are quoted at 96¢ per gal., cost and freight to Holland and Belgium. Yellow beeswax quoted at 41¢ per lb. delivered New York, dark 38¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Market reports are for March 31.

BOSTON: No large arrivals during past 2 weeks. COMB: Supplies light. Good demand and stock is cleaning up. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market slightly weaker and dull. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 15-17¢. New York, White Clover 14-16¢..

CHICAGO: Since last report - 750 lbs. Ia. arrived. Supplies liberal. Demand and trading light, market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana, Alfalfa and White Clover, white 11-11½¢, dark to light Amber 9-10¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 11-11½¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases, Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa $4.75-5.00, few fancy $5.25. Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover white $4.00-4.50, few $4.75, off color $3.00-3.50, dark $2.00-2.50. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, prices higher. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- light 38-42¢, mostly 40-42¢, dark 35-38¢, few low as 32¢.

DENVER: Demand light, market steady, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand good, market firm. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00

MINNEAPOLIS- ST.PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand very slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.75-5.00. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $4.75-5.00. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- in 5-gal. lots or more, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 12-12½¢, some low as 10½¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 15 cases, 21 bbls. Porto Rico, 99 cases Mexico, 23 bbls. San Domingo, 7 cases St. Lucia arrived. Receipts limited. Demand limited, market rather dull. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans: New York, White Clover mostly 10-11¢, few high as 12¢; Buckwheat, very light supply, mostly 9-10, few 10½¢; California, Light Amber Sage 11½-12¢. Porto Rico, supplies light, in barrels $1.00-1.10 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand limited, market steady. New York and Western, White Clover, fancy $5.50-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.50-5.00. BEESWAX: Since last report- 117 bags Cuba, 25 bags Porto Rico, 25 bags San Domingo, 102 pkgs Spain, 251 bags 12 bbls. Brazil, 250 pkgs Holland, 92 bags India, 69 bags Turkey arrived. Supplies light. Demand light. Sales to wholesalers, manufacturers and drug trade- Brazil and Chili, light 41-43¢. Africa, medium 38-40¢. West Indies, dark 38-39¢. California, yellow 42¢, dark 39¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts and supplies very light. Stock practically exhausted. Demand slow, market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, few sales, barrels, Light Amber $1.15-1.18 per gal., others no sales reported. COMB: Too few sales reported to quote.

ST LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Supplies light to moderate, with demand very slow and movement draggy, market dull for both comb and extracted. Per M. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: in 5-gal. cans, California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11½¢. Local and nearby stocks practically exhausted, no sales reported. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $5.00-6.00. BEESWAX: 418 lbs. reported received since last report. Dealers quoting 27¢ per lb. to producers for country run ungraded.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Idaho, Sweet White Clover and Alfalfa 13¢. Idaho and California, Amber Clover and Alfalfa 7½-8¢. COMB: No supplies on market. BEESWAX: Market strong, 35-36¢lb. (Report for March 30.)

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1925.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Greece	55
Italy	472
United Kingdom	2,079
Canada	3,174
Mexico	22,382
Dominican Republic	755
Hongkong	60
Palestine and Syria	2,189
TOTAL	31,166

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEB.1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	4,786
Hawaii	88,523

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1925

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Denmark	140
Germany	224,895
Netherlands	2,400
United Kingdom	296,324
Canada	1,226
British Honduras	140
Honduras	35
Mexico	78
Other British West Indies	60
Ecuador	210
British India	3,437
Ceylon	60
Straits Settlements	750
China	936
Java and Madura	300
French Indo-China	360
Hongkong	422
Japan	48
Philippine Islands	775
TOTAL	532,596

NO RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR FEBRUARY, 1925.

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FEBRUARY, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Bulgaria	21,500
France	4,895
Germany	28,264
Italy	12,002
Turkey in Europe	11,186
United Kingdom	4,599
Canada	597
Mexico	2,850
Cuba	74,684
Dominican Republic	7,358
Brazil	21,472
Chile	2,180
British East Africa	2,296
Egypt	26,417
TOTAL	220,300

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U. S. DURING FEBRUARY,1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Porto Rico	2,230
Hawaii	--

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HONEY - NO. 166

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of April):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Much-belated showers fell during late March and early April, and will be of help to late vegetation and fruit trees. As orange trees are in full bloom, the weather may curtail the crop of orange honey. Buckwheat and sage are now expected to yield sufficient to carry the bees through the winter. Many colonies stored considerable honey from mustard. In the Imperial Valley, cold windy weather is keeping bees from willow and mesquite bloom, and retarding brood-rearing somewhat. Ton lot sales reported Light Amber 10½-12¢ per lb.

Central California: Little inquiry reported for the small amount of honey available. Ton lot sale of light amber extracted reported at 11¼¢ per lb.

Northern California: Rains have continued. Prospects are good for thistle crop, fair for alfalfa. Bees are working on oranges and olives, and are reported much healthier than for several years. The first extraction of the year has already come to market. Few cases dark honey, bitter almond flavor, reported sold at 7¢ per lb. Beeswax has moved at 28¢ per lb. cash, 30¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: A large amount of alfalfa was killed by freezing during the winter, and reports are received of alfalfa ground being plowed up to be put into wheat. This will of course affect the honey crop. Brood-rearing is in full swing. Bees are working on fruit bloom, willows and dandelion. One car white extracted reported sold at 9¢ per lb.; beeswax 28¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: During the past two weeks rainfall has been spotted, but generally heavy, improving crop prospects. Although winter losses may be less than had been expected, they will still be rather heavy. There has been much windy weather lately; Some feeding will be necessary. Pollen has been coming in from willow, poplars and box elder. Plums, pears and cherries are blooming. Bees are building up nicely. Many hundred pounds of package bees reported shipped in from the South to replace winter losses and to increase holdings.

Only occasional cars now remain unsold. During this period one car White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa extracted sold for 8½¢, one for 9¼¢, one car mixed white and light Amber at 8 3/4¢, and a car of Light Amber at 8¢ per lb. Other sales white, 60s 11-12½¢, small pails 11½-14¢; light amber, ton lots 9-9½¢, small pails 15¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 28-34¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Mesquite is putting out tags, but prospects are uncertain due to lack of rainfall. . . In a few sections bees are storing a little surplus, but in general spring flowers are not furnishing enough nectar and beekeepers are feeding. Few sales extracted, 60s 10½¢, small pails 11-13¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Still dry, windy, and with cool nights. Apples and pears are in full bloom, and mesquite is expected to bloom soon, but few colonies are strong enough to take advantage of the flow.

TEXAS: Conditions very spotted over the State. Where drouth still continues, the outlook is very uncertain. Even where rain has fallen, reports vary greatly; some report an average of 20 lbs. new honey from mesquite, catclaw and guajillo; others in same territory state that colonies are full of brood but short of bees. Very few sales reported, dark to light amber extracted at 11¢ per lb. basis. Beeswax has sold at mostly 30¢ per lb. cash; some higher.

PLAINS AREA: Spring is early and warm but dry, and clover is growing slowly, except where recent showers have fallen. Bees are working on dandelion, elm, maple and willow, and are building up nicely. There will be a very small carryover of honey. Few sales extracted white Clover reported at 10½-11¢ per lb. in ton lots, 15¢ in 60s, 18¢ per lb in small pails.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Bees wintered exceptionally well. In most areas clover and other honey plants are reported in good condition, but some report doubtful prospects account drouth. Bees are working on dandelion and willow and raising brood. Few sales reported of White Clover extracted in large lots at 10-13¢ per lb., dark honey 9¢ per lb.; No. 1 White Comb $4.50-5.00, few $5.75. Beeswax price has ranged 27-38¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees are working on White Clover in Louisiana, but storing little nectar. Cool weather, with little rain, has also curtailed flow from willow. Considerable tendency noted to rob. Latest reports regarding spring prospects are less optimistic than were those of two weeks ago. Conditions in South Georgia are spotted; some apiaries are gathering considerable nectar, while a few miles away bees are unable to make a living. The early spring crop which has been extracted is reported to be a little below normal in quality. Queen yards are in fine condition and package bees are in good demand. Cool, dry weather is retarding blooms. Colonies and plants in Alabama are in fine shape, and bees are begining to work on white clover, which is 10 days early. Bees are breeding well and packages will soon be ready to ship. Rain has been seasonable. Bees in Florida are slow in building up to full strength, due to cold nights and chilly winds. Later prospects are good. A little pennyroyal honey was extracted in March.

PORTO RICO: Conditions show little change. Bees storing a little nectar in the hills.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: Winter losses reported unusually light. Bees are active, carrying in large quantities of pollen and some nectar. Colonies are raising lots of brood and are building up rapidly. A few drones reported flying. A few report scarcity of stores and probable spring loss. The outlook is for an excellent clover crop. Few sales reported, extracted, White Clover, ton lots 11-12¢, 60s 13¢, small pails 14-17¢. Buckwheat, large lots 8-10¢, small pails 12-14¢; White Comb $4.50-5.50 per case; Buckwheat comb $4.00-4.50 per case.
Beeswax price shows great variation.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for Apr. 14-15.

BOSTON: No large arrivals during past 2 weeks. COMB: Supplies light. Good demand and stock is cleaning up. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover carton stock 14 oz. $6.00, 12 oz. $5.00, 10 oz. $4.25. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, carton stock 14 oz. $5.00-6.00. EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market slightly weaker and dull. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. New York, White Clover mostly 14¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 15-17¢. Porto Rico, Amber to arrive 10½-11¢.
CHICAGO: No large arrivals reported since last report. Supplies liberal. Demand and trading limited, market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, Alfalfa and White Clover, white 11-11½¢, dark to light Amber 9-10¢. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 12-12½¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 11-11½¢. Iowa and Illinois, White Sweet Clover 11-11½¢. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover & Alfalfa $4.75-5.00. Midwestern, Alfalfa and White Clover, white No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2 and Light Amber $4.00-4.50, off color and broken combs $2.00-2.50. BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- light 40-42¢, dark 34-38¢ per lb.
DENVER: Demand slow, market dull, prices unchanged. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.
KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand good, market firm. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $5.50, No. 1, $5.25, No. 2, $5.00.
MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand very slow, market weak. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $4.75-5.00. EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more. Per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 11-12¢, fewlow as 10½¢.
NEW YORK: EXTRACTED: Since last report 12 cases, 44 bbls. Porto Rico, 2 drums San Domingo imported. Receipts moderate. Demand limited, market dull. Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans New York, White Clover mostly 10-11¢, few 12¢; Buckwheat 9-10¢; California, Light Amber Sage 11½-12¢; Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 10-12¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo 12-13¢, Light Amber 8-9¢; Georgia, Light Amber 9¢; Porto Rican, supplies light, barrels, $1.00-1.10 per gal. COMB: Supplies moderate. Practically no demand, market weaker. New York and Western, White Clover fancy $5.00-5.50, No. 1, $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. BEESWAX: Since last report 126 pkgs. Holland, 69 bags Germany, 35 bags Spain, 94 bags Belgium, 68 cases India, 135 bags Brazil, 72 bags Chile, 95 bags Cuba, 24 bags San Domingo imported. Supplies light. Demand good for light colored stock but very little available; only limited demand for dark wax; market firm. Per lb. Brazil and Chile, principally Brazil, light 40-43¢. Africa, medium 38-40¢. West Indies, dark 38-39¢. Spain, medium 39½¢. California, yellow 42¢, medium 40¢, dark 38-39¢.
PHILADELPHIA: Receipts and supplies very light. Stocks very light. Very little demand and market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers - Porto Rico, in barrels Light Amber $1.15-1.18 per gal. COMB: No sales reported.
SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading slow, market about steady. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers - per lb. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢. Idaho and California, Amber Alfalfa and Clover 7½-8¢. COMB: Supplies cleaned up. BEESWAX: Market strong with very light supplies, mostly 35-36¢ per lb.
ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Practically no demand or movement and very few sales reported. Market dull. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: California, 5-gal. cans, Light Amber Alfalfa nominally 10-11¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $4.75-5.75. BEESWAX: Approximately 550 pounds received since last report. Dealers quoting 27¢ per pound for country run ungraded wax.

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AGRICULTURE IN NORMANDY

S. J. Fletcher, American Consul, Havre, France.
March 14, 1925.

1924 Imports of Honey Decrease.

According to statistics secured from the local customs office the imports of honey into France through the port of Havre for the calendar year 1924 amounted to only M.T. 494 (1,089,072 lbs.) This represented a decrease of 43% as compared with the calendar year 1923 and a decrease of 42% as compared with the calendar year 1922. As compared with 1913 imports - a pre-war year of normal importations- the 1924 imports revealed an increase of 37%.

The United States' share in the Havre honey trade appears to be steadily decreasing. In 1913, 27% of the imports to clear through the Customs of Havre came from the United States. In 1922, the United States' share was only 5%. During 1923 the American trade picked up again and 20% of the imports came from the United States but in 1924 they dropped to 9% of the total.

Havre an Important French Market.

Despite the decreased importations of honey at Havre the percentage of honey entering Havre as compared with the total French importation remains comparatively high and in 1924 58% of the total French imports of honey were cleared through the Havre customs house. The actual consumption of honey in the Havre consular district is not large and the greater part of the entries through this port are for shipment to the interior of France, principally to the Paris district. The following table indicates the relative importance of the Havre market before and after the war:-

Honey Imports

Year	Total French Importations		Havre Imports Only		Havre Percentage
	Metric Tons	Pounds	Metric Tons	Pounds	
1913	2,775	6,117,765	359	791,451	13%
1922	1,646	3,628,767	852	1,878,319	52%
1923	1,460	3,218,716	864	1,904,774	59%
1924	845	1,852,887	494	1,089,072	58%

French Production.

No statistics are available to show the actual amount of honey produced in this consular district or in France as a whole. Weather conditions are responsible for the great variations in the annual production in France, a rainy or hot summer generally indicating a year of small returns and poor quality. However, it appears that an increasing number of home apiaries are being started in Normandy and this activity will no doubt, in the near future, supply more of the demands from the local markets and from the interior of France. It is even possible that the need for foreign honey will be entirely obviated. As an indication of the growing importance of the honey production of France and of this district in particular an idea may be gained from the following export figures:-

Honey Exports

Year	Total French Exportations		Havre Exports Only		Havre Percentage
	Metric Tons	Pounds	Metric Tons	Pounds	
1913	1,440	3,174,624	165	363,759	11%
1922	587	1,294,100	300	661,380	51%
1923	825	1,818,795	435	959,001	53%
1924	1,581	3,485,472	Not yet available		--

Import and Export Statistics.

Haiti is the chief source of supply for Havre honey imports. In 1922 Cuba ranked second and the Dominican Republic third. In 1923 the United States had moved up to second place but in 1924 was fourth on the list, furnishing but 45 tons or only 9%. Exports from Havre go principally to the Netherlands, Belgium and Algeria.

Wholesale Prices.

Wholesale prices of honey at Havre, in bond (customs duties not paid) per 100 kilograms on March 14, 1925, were as follows:-

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Origin	Per 100 Kilograms	Converted to cents per lb. at rate of :- $1= F.19.415
		Cents per lb.
Chile	300 to 310 francs	7.00 to 7.24
Mexico	360 to 370 "	8.41 to 8.64
Haiti	390 to 400 "	9.11 to 9.35
Cuba	300 to 310 "	7.00 to 7.24
Santa Domingo	370 to 375 "	8.64 to 8.76

(Prices taken from the Revue Commerciale et Maritime de la Place du Havre of March 14, 1925).

French honey is considerably higher in price than imported honey, the honey produced in Brittany and Normandy bringing 550 francs per 100 kilograms (equal to 12.85 cents per pound), while that from Southern France is considerably higher.

Honey Imports - Havre, France.
(In Metric Tons)

Country of origin or transhipment		1913	1922	1923	1924
United States		98	41	169	45
Haiti		140	564	377	287
Mexico		40	-	14	42
Germany		47	6	-	-
England		-	39	14	6
Belgium		-	23	-	-
Chile		-	46	56	55
Dominican Republic		3	44	90	58
Cuba		26	84	96	-
Netherlands		-	3	31	-
All others		5	2	17	1
Totals:	Metric Tons	359	852	864	494
	Pounds	791,451	1,878,319	1,904,774	1,089,072

Honey Exports - Havre, France.
(In Metric Tons)

Destination		1913	1923	1024
Netherlands		104	202	340
Belgium		47	38	44
Germany		10	-	-
Algeria		-	46	32
Norway		-	14	16
All others		4	-	3
Totals:	Metric Tons	165	300	435
	Pounds	363,759	661,380	959,001

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HONEY - NO. 167

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of April):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Recent rains should help late honey plants, and in some sections will give a partial crop from sage and buckwheat. Orange honey which is reported whiter than usual, and very thin, is coming in slowly, due to cold winds and rains, which have greatly reduced the flow. Where bees have had proper care they have built up well, but many colonies are suffering from neglect. In the Imperial Valley heavy winds with dust storms have recently made it hard for bees to work. Few ton lot sales Light Amber reported at 12½¢ per lb. Beeswax is scarce and brings the beekeepers 28-31½¢ per lb.

Northern California. Oranges are in full bloom, but the weather is windy, cold and rainy, and the crop will be light. Some nectar is also coming in from olives and wild flowers. Rainfall is above normal. The prospects from thistle are good. Bees are building up well. Very little honey is left in the beekeepers' hands. Small pails of amber extracted have sold at 10¢ per lb., and beeswax at 28¢ per lb. cash, 30¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Weather has been very changeable. Bees are building up rapidly, far ahead of usual, which will cause greater consumption of stores than customary. Considerable old honey still unsold. A large acreage of alfalfa was killed out, wholly or in part, during the winter, and many farmers have reseeded to grain, with the hope of getting rid of weevils. Ton lots White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold at 9½-10¢ per lb., 60s 10-10½¢, small pails 10½-14¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Bees reported breeding up fine until recent cold stormy weather, which has hindered them from working on fruit bloom and dandelions. Considerable feeding will be necessary in some sections to avert excessive spring dwindling. Some heavy losses reported, and many are bringing in package bees. Serious water shortage curtails crop prospects in numerous districts, but this condition seems spotted.

Comparatively little honey now remains unsold, and many are completely sold out. One carlot White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold for 10¢ per lb., ton lots 9-9½¢, few higher, 60s 11½-13¢, small pails 14-15¢ per lb., one car Light Amber 8¢ per lb., Fancy White Comb has sold in carrier lots at $4.70, case lots $5.00 per case., choice $4.25 and $4.50 per case. Beeswax has sold at 25-30¢ per lb., some high as 35¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Mesquite is beginning to bloom, and some honey will be secured on river bottoms, but rain and cold, windy weather are making early flow doubtful. Alfalfa blossomed early and has furnished some surplus. Some areas reported ready to extract. Few sales during this period.

NEW MEXICO: Mesquite is in bloom, but cold dry winds will not permit bees to gather much nectar. Some honey stored from fruit bloom in spite of cold weather.

TEXAS: Recent heavy rains throughout most of the State have relieved the drouth. Previously, central Texas had been extremely dry. In south Texas considerable mesquite honey has been brought in. The crop is very irregular, however, even in the same neighborhood yields ranging 10 lbs. or less to over 50 lbs. Some beekeepers have started extracting. Catclaw is full of buds. The outlook in north Texas is one of the best in years, with ample rains and sweet clover looking fine. Honey locust flow will start soon. Shipment of bees and queens has begun. Few sales new extracted Light Amber on 16¢ per lb. basis.

PLAINS AREA: Bees came through winter in generally good condition. They are building up on fruit bloom and dandelion, 2 weeks earlier than usual, but as lack of rain has retarded clover, considerable feeding will probably be necessary to carry bees along. Few ton lot sales White extracted 11-11½¢ per lb., small pails 14-18¢. Beeswax 33-35¢ per lb. to beekeepers.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Recent rains have put clover in good condition, although on account of cold weather it has been slow in growing. Bees are building up well, securing pollen from dandelion, willows and early fruit bloom. Queen yards have started, and orders are reported heavy. Little honey remains unsold. Few sales reported of white extracted in ton lots at 10-11½¢ per lb., few lower, 60s 12-12½¢. No. 1 White Comb, wide range in prices, $4.10-5.50 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Snow storm on April 19 killed soft maple and elm buds in Northern Vermont and New York and many weak colonies. In general, bees are building up fast and are several weeks ahead of last year at this time. They are working on dandelion, willow, and early fruit when weather permits. Clover is starting nicely, and prospects for a heavy clover flow are unusually promising. Many colonies are short of stores, and must be fed soon unless bees can shortly secure a living from the flowers. Last year's crop practically cleaned up. Few sales White Clover extracted, ton lots 11-12¢, 60s 12-13¢, small pails 13-18¢ per lb. Buckwheat, 60-lb. cans or 135-lb. kegs 8½-10¢, small pails 11-14¢ per lb. Comb honey, White Clover, No. 1, $4.50-5.50, No. 2, $3.75-4.50 per case; Buckwheat No. 1 and fancy $3.75-4.50, No. 2, $3.00-4.00 per case.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Honey in South Georgia from early spring crop is moving freely to nearby markets. The flow is now on from tupelo and gallberry, but turpentine workers are said to have burned over much gallbery growth. The weather has been dry and cool. Cold winds in Florida have curtailed flow from orange. Scrub and saw palmetto flow has been on for 2 weeks, and yielding well considering the dry weather. Rain is needed. Mangrove is coming into bloom. In Louisiana honey flow is on in spots and some new honey is beginning to show in the markets. The recent willow flow was irregular over the State. Rain is badly needed. Bees are swarming, and package bees and queens are moving in great numbers to the north and east. The weather in Alabama is favorable for queen rearing and package shipping. Sweet clover looks well, and with needed rain should bloom early. Bees in North Carolina are working on tupelo, and now honey will be ready in a short time.

PORTO RICO: (First half of April): Shipments from the Island for the week ending April 4 totaled 1142 gals. of honey, 763 lbs. of beeswax; for the week ending April 11, 1148 gals. of honey, 1192 lbs. beeswax.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Market reports are for Apr. 30.

BOSTON: Since last report 16 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. COMB: Supplies cleaned up. No sales reported. EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market dull. Sales by receivers to manufacturers, wholesalers and bottlers - Per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢. Porto Rico, Amber 10½-11¢.

CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Supplies limited. Practically no demand, market very dull and weaker, especially on comb honey. EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, Alfalfa and White Clover, few sales best white 11-11½¢, dark to light amber 9-10¢ per lb. COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa best white $4.00-4.50, light amber $3.50-4.00. Other sections no sales reported. BEESWAX: Demand moderate and market about steady. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- crude light 40-45¢, dark 35-40¢ per lb.

DENVER: Market very dull. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13, light amber 12¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers - EXTRACTED: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $5.25, No. 1, $5.00, No. 2, $4.75.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Sweet Clover No. 1, $4.50-4.75. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 11-12¢, low as 10½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 27 bbls. Porto Rico imported. Receipts moderate. Demand limited, market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans per lb. New York, White Clover 12-13¢, Buckwheat few sales 9-10¢, few 10½¢. California, Light Amber 11½-12¢. Intermountain White Clover 11-12½¢. Florida, Tupelo 12-13¢, Light Amber 8-9¢. Porto Rican, supplies limited $1.10 gal. COMB: Sales to retailers- supplies limited. Demand very limited. Season practically through. New York and Western, fancy $4.50-5.50 per case. BEESWAX: Since last report- 71 bags, 56 bbls. Cuba, 408 bags, 35 bbls. Brazil, 196 bags Chile, 75 bbls Holland, 27 bags Italy, 4 bags Porto Rico imported. Supplies light. Demand good for light stock, limited for dark, market steady. Sales to wholesalers and drug trade- Brazilian and Chilian, principally Brazilian light 40-43¢. African, medium 38-40¢. West India, dark 38-39¢, few sales low as as 36¢. California, yellow 41-42¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts and supplies very light. Demand light, market dull. EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber few sales $1.15-1.18 gal. COMB: Too few sales reported to quote.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Very little demand or movement. No sales reported, prices nominal to wholesalers and jobbers- EXTRACTED: California, light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢ per lb. COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover $4.75-5.75. BEESWAX: Only light receipts received since last report for which dealers paid and are quoting 27¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1925

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds
Greece	240
United Kingdom	3,937
Canada	959
Cuba	600
Total	5,736
Total Imports February, 1925	31,166
Total Imports March, 1924	11,076

NO RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR MARCH, 1925

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES.

	March 1925 Pounds	February 1925 Pounds	March 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	40,755	4,786	95,685
Hawaii	26,135	88,523	28,943

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1925

EXPORTED to	QUANTITY Pounds
Denmark	4,200
Germany	159,232
Netherlands	2,136
United Kingdom	125,791
Canada	2,553
Honduras	113
Nicaragua	7
Other British West Indies	74
Cuba	73
Dutch West Indies	72
Haiti	125
British India	1,188
Ceylon	30
Straits Settlements	330
China	4,264
Java and Madura	901
French Indo-China	120
Hongkong	1,344
Japan	1,353
Philippine Islands	942
Siam	46
Total	304,894
Total Exports February, 1925	532,596
Total Exports March, 1924	292,710

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MARCH, 1925

IMPORTED from	QUANTITY Pounds
Germany	57,275
Italy	11,165
Portugal	100,310
Turkey in Europe	22,323
United Kingdom	9,081
Canada	1,150
Mexico	1,450
Jamaica	213
Cuba	36,792
Dominican Republic	14,555
Haiti	124
Brazil	53,863
Chili	5,300
British India	2,334
Egypt	15,553
Total	331,498
Total Imports February, 1925	220,300
Total Imports March, 1924	178,680

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO UNITED STATES

	March 1925 Pounds	February 1925 Pounds	March 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	4,214	2,230	3,022
Hawaii	5,251	---	2,990

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HAITIAN HONEY AVAILABLE

H.P. Macgowan, Trade Commissioner, Port-au-Prince, Haiti,
April 3, 1925.

Some of the finest honey in the world is produced in the apiaries of Haitian farmers, and in the fiscal year 1923-24, 308,048 kilos (679,122 lbs.) of this product, valued at $29,655, were exported from the Republic. Only 28 kilos (61 lbs.) of this honey was shipped to the United States, the entire balance going to Europe. France bought 282,807 kilos, Germany 10,613 kilos, and the Netherlands 14,600 kilos.

The flora of Haiti affords many species capable of supplying natural honey for bees in large quantities. The initial investment required for a small apiary is so reasonable, the profits and the market so satisfactory, that honey producing is an industry which lends itself to the needs of the small farmer, the backbone of Haitian agriculture.

It would seem that there exists an opportunity for introducing Haitian honey into the American market, and for expanding the local industry to keep pace with the growth of the new outlet. Logwood and mahogany honey are two varieties in particular favor locally. They are taken by the bees from the blossoms of the logwood and mahogany trees respectively, being dark red in color and having a very agreeable flavor,- more flavor in fact than most American honeys.

In 1923-24, 1,462 kilos (3,223 lbs.)of beeswax were exported from the Republic, of which the United States received 1,396 kilos (3,077 lbs.) and France the remainder.

American firms or individuals interested in the possibilities for Haitian honey in the American market, may secure the names of the firms in a position to make shipments, from the American Chamber of Commerce of Haiti, or La Chambre de Commerce D'Haiti, both of Port-au-Prince. Supplementary information may also be obtained by addressing the Director General of the Service Technique du Department de L'Agriculture, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

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BEE CULTURE IN ESTHONIA

By William L. Peck, Consul, Tallinn, Esthonia
February 25, 1925.

The Esthonian Central Statistical Bureau recently published for the first time a brief survey of bee culture in Esthonia. According to the report of the Bureau, there were 27,904 hives in Esthonia at the close of 1924, of which 6,922 were box hives and 20,982 were frame hives.

It is estimated that 5,644 swarms of bees died during the winter of 1923-1924, owing to the severe cold and undernourishment resulting from the rainy summer of 1923. Substitute food consisting of 18,291 pounds of honey and 37,800 pounds of sugar was used in feeding 12,174 swarms. During the summer of 1924, conditions improved considerably and 4,700 new swarms were bred.

The total yield of honey during 1924, exclusive of honey left in the hives, was 339,300 pounds. The yield of beeswax during the year totalled 22,993 pounds. At the average market price of 80 marks (about 20 cents)per pound, the total value of honey produced was 27,157,200 marks ($67,893.) The total value of beeswax produced, at the market price of 120 marks (about 30 cents) per pound, was 2,759,160 marks ($6,898.)

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HONEY - NO. 168

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. The orange flow is reported to have lasted only from April 10 to 20 in parts of Riverside County, where early estimates are heard of a crop 1/4 to 1/5 of normal. In Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties and south along the coast, the orange flow lasted into May, and one reporter thought it would continue lightly until May 20. Sage and Buckwheat are yielding slowly in some sections, and in San Diego a fair surplus is expected from these and other sources, although beekeepers are hampered by excessive swarming. Total orange and sage yields are expected to be slightly larger than last year's. No early sales of orange honey reported but beekeepers are asking 12-15¢ per lb. In the Imperial Valley, where there is an increased acreage in alfalfa, an average or better crop is looked for, and a price of around 8-8½¢ per lb. for large lots of Light Amber Alfalfa is considered likely. No honey remains in the Imperial Valley. The mesquite flow in Coachella Valley is over, and yielded about 25 lbs. per colony. Beeswax is bringing the beekeeper 27-30¢ per lb.

Central California. The very light flow is proving hardly sufficient for stores, except along the coast where a fairly good sage flow is reported. The weather has been generally cool with only occasional hot days. Some swarming reported.

Northern California. With ample rainfall, prospects are for a fair crop. Some white honey offered for 10¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Spray poison has killed many bees in the fruit districts this spring. Prospects for honey flow from first bloom of alfalfa, in June, not very bright. New ton lot sales amber extracted reported at 9½¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES: Weather now more favorable after a long cold spell. In some sections bees are building up well on dandelion, willow and fruit bloom, and considerable nectar is coming in. In other sections lack of rain has resulted in nothing for bees to work on. Many package bees brought in to replace winter losses, which were heavy in numerous apiaries. Some fruit bloom and early alfalfa reported killed by late freezes. Water shortage reported in numerous areas, and rain is needed now for sweet clover. Swarming reported April 28 in Utah - the earliest in many years.

Very little honey now remains unsold, and some are unable to fill orders. One car White Alfalfa reported sold at 9¢ per lb., and 1 car White to Light Amber at 8½¢ per lb.; small lots 60s, White 10-12½¢, Amber 9¢; small pails White 14-16¢ per lb. Beeswax has recently brought the beekeeper 30-31¢ per lb. No sales of comb honey reported.

ARIZONA: Conditions are spotted. Some report mesquite yielding very well and good alfalfa prospects; others report light yield and outlook doubtful. Extracting reported, a month earlier than usual, with some apiaries averaging 30-lbs. surplus.

NEW MEXICO: Bees are storing nectar well from mesquite, and some colonies are said to have secured 20-30 lbs. of honey; but no extracting reported.

TEXAS: Recent helpful rains over Texas have broken the drouth, which in Central Texas had been one of the worst ever experienced. Many minor plants are budding, and with the rain, prospects for more honey are favorable. In West Texas, several carloads of bees are being moved to a better location, however, as a result of the poor outlook. The early spring flow, chiefly mesquite, has been extracted, and excellent yields reported in some sections. Comb crop very short. Extracted has sold, in 60-lb. cans, 10-12¢, some 13-15¢ per lb; 10-lb. pails 13-16¢ per lb; bulk comb 10-lb. pails 15-17¢ per lb. smaller sizes in proportion. Beeswax 30¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Cold, cloudy weather kept bees from working much on dandelion and fruit bloom, and some beekeepers are feeding to supplement the small amount of honey secured at that time. Recent rains have helped clover and other honey plants in most sections. Good demand for beeswax, and sales reported at 33-34¢ per lb. Little honey reported sold.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Cold, cloudy weather during the past two weeks has checked brood-rearing and prevented bees from getting much nectar from fruit bloom and dandelion. Some fruit buds killed in northern part of area. Many colonies have already had to be fed and more feeding will be necessary. Clover looks fairly well, but more rain is needed. Little honey remains unsold. Few large lot sales White Clover reported at 11-12½¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 35¢ per lb.

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NORTHEASTERN STATES: The spring is very backward. The cold weather of the past two weeks has severely checked brood-rearing as bees could not visit cherries, dandelions, wild mustard and other plants that were in bloom. Many hives are near starvation point and shortage of stores is general. Outlook for clover crop continues good, although freezes have damaged young growth in some areas. Very few sales of honey reported.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Dry weather appears general throughout the section except in parts of Florida. In South Georgia, where it is critically dry, this has resulted in a half crop from tupelo and gallberry although a fair crop was secured from the tulip trees. The gallberry and palmetto flow in Florida is reported affected by too much wind, and cold. Many palmetto buds were killed by frost. A light orange flow is still on with average orange yield reported as about 25 lbs. per colony. Louisiana reports colonies in fair shape with a little nectar coming in. Many beekeepers are not extracting, thinking the honey will be needed by the bees. Vegetation is suffering from the long drouth. The early flow in Alabama has been good this year. Sweet clover is just beginning to bloom, but needs rain if the crop is not to be short. Some Hubam is in bloom, but the growth is stunted. Conditions for package bees and queens have been ideal this year and breeders have done a large business.

The new crop honey is moving unusually well. White honey in 60-lb. cans is offered at 15¢ per lb., large lots 12½¢; light amber 12½ and 10¢ per lb. Small pails of Light Amber Orange quoted at 12½¢ per lb. Fancy Tupelo in bbls. quoted at 12-15¢ per lb., light amber 12½¢, amber 9¢ per lb. Some old crop amber in barrels sold at 7¢ per lb. Fancy comb is quoted at $5.00 per case; No. 1, $4.50 per case. Best beeswax, 35¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO: A little honey is now being extracted of this year's crop, but yield to date is reported light. Extracted in 600-lb. barrels is bringing the beekeeper around 77¢ per gal.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKET

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BOSTON: Since last report 1/2 car Porto Rico arrived. COMB: Supplies cleaned up. No sales reported.

EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market dull, weaker on Porto Rico stock, steady on New York honey. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢, Porto Rico, Amber 9½¢.

CHICAGO: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies clearing up slowly. Demand and trading light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - Per lb. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, Alfalfa and White Clover, white 11-11½¢, light to medium amber 9-10¢. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 12-12½¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Illinois and Iowa, White Clover $4.50-4.75. Intermountain, Alfalfa and White Clover, fancy and No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2 and Light Amber $3.75-4.00.

BEESWAX: Demand and trading very slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- light colored 37-39¢, dark 32-36¢, occasional sale higher.

DENVER: Demand fair, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, light amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market weak on comb, steady on extracted.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $4.50, No. 1, $4.25, No. 2, $4.00.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST.PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00. Idaho, Alfalfa and Sweet Clover mixed, No. 1, $4.75-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 11-12¢, few low as 10½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 3,720 lbs. N.Y. arrived; 34 bbls. Porto Rico, 3 drums San Domingo imported. Demand light, market dull, very little change in prices.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans per lb. New York, White Clover 12-13¢; Buckwheat very few sales 9-10½¢, mostly 10¢. California, supplies cleaned up. Intermountain, White Clover 11-12¢. Florida, bbls. Tupelo, white 12-13¢, light amber mostly 9¢. Porto Rico, supplies limited $1.10-1.15 per gal.

COMB: No sales reported.

BEESWAX: Since last report 247 bags Chile, 24 bags Cuba, 93 bags Brazil, 10 bags Italy, 5 bags Porto Rico, 10 bbls. Holland, 2 bags San Domingo imported. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market about steady. Per lb. Brazil and Chili, light 40-43¢. Africa, medium 38-40¢. West Indies, light 40¢, dark 37-39¢. California, yellow 40-41¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Receipts and spot supplies very light. Demand slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber few sales $1.15-1.18 per gal.

COMB: Very few sales. New York and other eastern States, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy mostly $6.00, ungraded $3.50-4.00.

ST LOUIS: No receipts reported since last report. Practically no demand or movement. Market only nominal. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers- Per lb.

EXTRACTED: In 5-gal. cans, California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases, White Sweet Clover $4.00-5.00.

BEESWAX: 97 pounds reported received since last report for which dealers quote 27¢ on country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers- per lb.

EXTRACTED: Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 13¢. Idaho and California, Amber Clover and Alfalfa 7½-8¢, Light Amber Orange moving at 11¢.

BEESWAX: Practically cleaned up.

LOGWOOD HONEY IN HAITI IS WHITE

The article on Haitian honey by Trade Commissioner H. P. MacGowan in the last honey report, stated that logwood honey was dark red in color. It is the logwood tree that is red, the honey secured from it being almost water white.

PORTS OF ENTRY FOR CUSTOMS DISTRICTS SHOWN ON PAGE 4

(Of course honey was not shipped from all the ports included in each district.)

MASSACHUSETTS: Boston, Barnstable, Fall River, Gloucester, Holyoke, New Bedford, Plymouth, Provincetown, Salem (including Beverly, Marblehead, and Lynn), Springfield, Vineyard Haven, Worcester.

ST LAWRENCE: Ogdensburg, Alexandria Bay, Cape Vincent, Champlain, Chateaugay, Chauront, Clayton, Fort Covington, Malone, Mooers, Morristown, Nyando, Plattsburg, Rouses Point, Waddington.

BUFFALO: Buffalo, Dunkirk, Lewiston, Niagara Falls, North Tonawanda (including Tonawanda).

NEW YORK: New York, Albany, Greenport, Newark, N.J., Patchogue, Perth Amboy, N.J.

PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia (including Camden and Gloucester City, N.J.), Chester, Lewes, Thompsons Point, Tuckerton, Wilmington.

GEORGIA: Savannah, Atlanta, Brunswick, Darien.

FLORIDA: Tampa (including Port Tampa), Apalachicola, Bocagrande, Carrabelle, Fernandina (including St. Marys, Ga.), Jacksonville, Key West, Miami, Pensacola, Port Inglis, St. Augustine, St. Andrews.

NEW ORLEANS: New Orleans, Morgan City.

SAN ANTONIO: San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Rio Grande City, Rome, Santa Maria, Del Rio, Eagle Pass.

OREGON: Portland, Oreg., Astoria, Empire (Marshfield), Newport.

WASHINGTON: Seattle, Aberdeen, Anacortes, Bellingham, Blaine, Chopaka, Danville, Everett, Ferry, Friday Harbor, Laurier, Molson, Northport, Port Angeles, Port Townsend, Roche Harbor, South Bend, Spokane, Sumas, Tacoma.

ALASKA: Juneau, Cordova, Craig, Eagle, Fairbanks, Fortymile, Ketchikan, Nome, Skagway, St. Michael, Unalaska, Wrangell.

HAWAII: Honolulu, Hilo, Kahului, Koloa, Mahukona.

MONTANA & IDAHO: Great Falls, Eastport, Gateway, Port Hill, Sweetgrass.

DAKOTA: Pembina, Ambrose, Antler, Crosby, Hannah, Hansboro, Neche, Northgate, Noyes (St. Vincent), Portal, Sarles, Sherwood, Souris, St. John, Walhalla.

DULUTH & SUPERIOR: Duluth and Superior (including West Superior), Ashland, International Falls, Isle Royal, Ranier, Two Harbors, Warroad.

MICHIGAN: Detroit, Alpena, Bay City, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Detour, Escanaba, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Houghton, Mackinaw, Manistee, Manistique, Marine City, Marquette, Muskegon, Port Huron, Saginaw, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Clair, St. Joseph.

PORTO RICO: San Juan, Aguadilla, Arecibo, Arroyo, Fajardo, Guanica, Humacao, Mayaguez, Ponce.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY BY CUSTOMS DISTRICTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1924 AND JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1925.

CUSTOMS DISTRICTS	1924 JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL 1924	1925 JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Massachusetts										17,550		607	18,157			
St. Lawrence		417	375		323	60		600	720	2,560	960	120	6,135		114	
Buffalo				36					111	180			327	90		40
New York	155,665	178,405	187,434	64,634	22,752	6,335	5,553	57,264	239,929	728,049	602,775	343,693	2,592,488	232,989	268,171	177,[illegible]
Philadelphia			5,000		6,000			1,650	66,437	23,440	2,880	22,140	127,547	70,775	58,[illegible]05	67,3[illegible]
Georgia							1,551						1,551			
Florida															60	
New Orleans	99	16		93	43		661	45	686	10	36	183	1,872	118	176	120
San Antonio			5					73	180				258			
El Paso	65												65		73	
Los Angeles	3,000	3,000		27,240	1,060	19,200	46,548	45,700	41,400	74,010	173,385	204,300	638,843	70,560	52,976	7,[illegible]
San Francisco	62,776	65,949	96,428	9,078	19,047	31,575	42,862	55,415	73,285	234,472	704,258	96,913	1,492,058	270,545	151,157	49,746
Oregon												45	45			
Washington	1,025	1,647	946	870	1,122	877	125	1,955	1,000	9,846	5,949	30,445	55,807	32,338	533	1,804
Alaska						590				40			630			
Hawaii									125				125			
Montana & Idaho	140	332	120			60				54,125	320	150	55,247		155	
Dakota	930	1,298	1,610	556	1,613	45	280	217	913	979	182	140	8,763	125		112
Duluth & Superior			87		157					850			1,094			330
Michigan	138	153	705	77	153			462	648	3,596		129	6,081		612	411
Porto Rico								3,283		3,384			6,667			
Total	223,838	251,217	292,710	102,584	52,270	58,742	97,580	166,684	425,434	1,153,091	1,490,745	698,865	5,013,760	686,540	532,596	304,894

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PORTS OF ENTRY FOR CUSTOMS DISTRICTS (Cont'd)

EL PASO: ElPaso, Boquillas, Presidio, Columbus, N.Mex.

LOS ANGELES: Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco (including Oakland), Eureka, Port San Luis,

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of May):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Helped by late rains, sage has yielded considerable nectar in many sections, and buckwheat, sumac and other late plants look promising. Much honey secured from mustard. But while some areas look well, others are very unfavorable, and, in the words of one reporter, "unless conditions change for the better mighty sudden there will be no extractors worn out around here this year." Many beekeepers are neglecting their bees. San Diego Co. reports abnormal swarming - the worst since 1914. In Imperial Valley, hard winds and dust storms are still holding bees back and will cause partial curtailment of the crop. Some honey is coming in, but many colonies are in too poor a condition to gather surplus.

Most buyers are offering 11-12¢ per lb. for extracted white Orange. Few ton lot sales of White Orange reported at 12-15¢ per lb., with most beekeepers holding for 14-15¢ per lb., 60s 16¢, small pails 17¢ per lb. Ton lot sales of Amber Sage 10-12½¢ per lb. Beeswax 28-33¢ per lb.

Central California. After 10 days' of cold cloudy weather, with some rain, bees are busy. The rain should insure a fairly good crop, expecially along the coast and in the San Joaquin Valley. Bees in the Lindsay-Porterville District secured about half a crop of orange honey. New orange honey is selling in ton lots at 12-13¢ per lb.; No. 1 comb $4.50 per case; No. 2 comb $4.00 per case.

Northern California. This spring has been unusually cold and wet. If there is much more rain, the thistles will get too coarse and leafy for much bloom, and the thistle crop, prospects for which are now good, will be considerably lessened. Much less American foulbrood than usual. Extracting has begun. Requeening is going on, and preparations are being made for the main honey flow, to start about the first of July. Commercial queen breeders are experiencing difficulty in getting queens mated, and several thousand have been purchased in Louisiana and Texas. Few sales Light Amber Mustard reported at 11¢ per lb., Amber, mostly Fruit Bloom, 7½-8¢ per lb. Beeswax, 27½-35¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Outside the fruit districts, where spray poison has killed many bees, colonies are reported unusually strong for May. No surplus reported from first bloom alfalfa. A few cars of 1924 honey are still on hand. Ton lot sales White Alfalfa or Alfalfa and Sweet Clover 10-10½¢, 60s 11¢, small pails 12-13¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Situation very spotted. Some reporters advise that plants and bees are in good condition, water supply ample, brood nests crowded with dandelion, and prospects above normal. Others state that the severe drouth will result in a short crop, feeding is necessary, and many beekeepers are starting to move their bees to other locations. As a whole, probably the recent rains have aided vegetation sufficiently so that a good crop can be secured in most States. Many bees and queens shipped in. In Montana, cold weather hindered bees from working on dandelion and fruit bloom; but where the buds were not killed by late freezes bees worked on fruit blossoms freely. Swarming has started.

Demand better for old crop honey, which is pretty well cleaned up. One carlot sale White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 8½¢, one car White Sweet Clover at 8 3/4¢ per lb., and one car Light Amber to White at 8½¢ per lb; ton lot 8½¢; small pails 14¢ per lb; large lot Light Amber Sweet Clover 8½¢ per lb; White fancy comb has sold lightly at $4.50 per case in carlot lots, $5.00 in small lots. Beeswax, few sales 28-30¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: The mesquite flow, which was curtailed by hot, dry weather, was the earliest in years. The flow was heavy in the valleys, but many colonies were not strong enough to take advantage of it, and total crop is estimated at about one-half, with color light amber to white. Bees are commencing to work on Alfalfa. A three days' rain has been very helpful. One car Light Amber Mesquite sold at 8 1/3¢ per lb., and one car at 8¢ per lb. .

NEW MEXICO: A light flow is still on from mesquite, alfalfa and arrow-weed, but rain is badly needed. Not much honey extracted.

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TEXAS: Rains, following extreme early drouth, have generally come in time for cotton, although some sections in the south-central part of the State report no rain yet and plants drying up for lack of moisture. A June flow from mesquite is considered likely. Considerable honey has been extracted. Large lots extracted in 60-lb. cans, reported sold for 9-10¢ per lb., 10-lb. pails 12-14¢ per lb.; bulk comb, 10-lb. pails, ton lots 15-16¢, smaller lots 16-18¢ per lb. Smaller sizes in proportion,- one cent per lb. advance for each next smaller size pail. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb. for medium dark, 35¢ per lb. for light.

PLAINS AREA: Some sections report discouraging outlook due to effect of alternating 90° weather and hard frosts, coupled with lack of rain; others look for good yield. White Clover and Yellow Sweet Clover are in bloom. Much sweet clover plowed up for planting to corn. Bees built up well on dandelion and fruit bloom, and many colonies now need feeding. Swarming has begun. White Clover has sold in large lots at 10-10½¢ per lb.; Amber 8¢ per lb.; No. 1 White Comb $4.50 per case; beeswax 27-33¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Much fruit bloom has been killed by frost, but bees have worked on dandelion when weather, which has been cold, and windy, permitted. They have built up above normal, but have consumed stores heavily, as little nectar hasbeen gathered. Much feeding has been necessary. Locust is now in bloom and poplar is budding nicely. Swarming has started. Lack of rain and cold weather have stunted clover and prospects for a crop from that source are decreasingly favorable. Old honey is unusually well cleaned up. What little remains is moving slowly. Few sales extracted White Clover 12-15¢ per lb; Light Amber 10-11¢. Few sales comb, No. 1 white $5.00-5.50 per case, No. 2, $4.00. Beeswax, 34-35¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The spring has been cold; snow reported May 25; and bees were able to gather little honey in northern part of area. Many colonies died which were not well fed and cared for, and the cold weather chilled brood in weak colonies. Further losses are expected unless much feeding is done. In Hudson River Valley and further south considerable stores were secured from early fruit bloom. Wild mustard is in bloom; and prospects generally look bright for an unusually early clover flow. The market is practically free of honey. Very few sales White Clover, ton lots 11-12¢, 60s 13¢ per lb. Comb honey of good quality is practically off the market. Beeswax, 33-37¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Recent showers have relieved, over much of the Southeast, the drouth which was becoming very serious except in South Florida, where it has rained nearly every day for over 3 weeks and little honey is being made. In North Florida and Southeast Georgia a fairly good flow was secured from gallberry, but less than 50% of a crop from tupelo as a result of the drouth. In Southwest Georgia and further north in the State the gallberry flow was cut short and bees had little to work on. Conditions in Alabama were spotted. Areas that had rain were promising; others were anticipating a total failure unless rain came soon. Following the recent rains white clover is blooming again in Louisiana and bees are busy on it. Some beekeepers are extracting honey; others are leaving the new crop in the hives as the flow has been below normal and bees may need it. Bees have made slow progress in North Carolina, due to cold weather, but a fairly good crop of honey is expected. Few sales of honey reported, white to light amber, in 60-lb. cans 12½-15¢, light amber, small pails 12½ per lb; amber, in barrels 65¢-$1.00 per gal. Fancy white comb, carrier lots $5.00-5.50, No. 1, $4.50-5.00. Beeswax, 35¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO: (First half of May) Showers are frequent over the entire Island. These should help the later flows if they do not continue into the blossoming period. Flow should be at its height in late June or early July. Total shipments from Porto Rico during week ending May 2, 433 lbs. beeswax and 3,833 gals. (45,996 lbs.) honey.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 24 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. COMB: Supplies practically cleaned up. Few small lots. New York, 24-section cases carton stock White Clover 12 ounces offered at $6.00 per case, sales to retailer basis.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢; Porto Rico, Amber 9½¢.

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CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Supplies cleaning up slowly. Demand and trading light, little better feeling on extracted honey, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Per lb. Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, Alfalfa and White Clover, white 11-11½¢; California mixed mountain flowers. White 11-11½¢, Light to medium Amber 10½-10 3/4¢; [illegible], Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, Light to medium Amber Clover and Alfalfa 9-10¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- best quality Illinois and Iowa, White Clover $4.50; Intermountain, Alfalfa and White Clover fancy and No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2 and Light Amber $3.75-4.00.

BEESWAX: Demand and trading slow, market dull. Sales to retailers and manufacturers of electrical and dental supplies- crude light color 37-39¢, dark 32-36¢.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13, light Amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market weak on comb, steady on extracted. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $4.25-4.50, choice $4.00.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies light. Practically no demand, market very dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, asking $4.50-5.00. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, asking $4.75-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Practically no demand, market very dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover, asking 10½-12¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Since last report 43,480 lbs. Ida. 280 lbs. N.Y. 132 lbs. Mass arrived; 12 tierces, 52 bbls. Porto Rico, 20 bbls. Mexico imported. Demand light, very little trading, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers, 60-lb. cans- New York, White Clover 12-13¢, Buckwheat very few sales 10-11¢, mostly 10½¢ per lb; Intermountain, White Clover 11 3/4-12¢ per lb; Porto Rico, bbls. $1.05-1.10 per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 118 lbs. N.Y. arrived; 32 bags Cuba, 4 seroons San Domingo, 3 pkgs. Porto Rico, 137 bags Chile, 23 bbls. 102 bags Brazil, 30 bags Turkey, 32 cases India imported. Supplies light. Demand light, market steady. Per lb. Brazil and Chili, light 41½-42¢. Brazil, light 40-41¢. West Indies, light 41¢, dark 36-37¢. California, yellow 39-40¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Practically no receipts or sales. Spot supplies very light.

EXTRACTED: Few sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber $1.15-1.18 per gal.

COMB: No receipts. Too few sales to quote.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies very limited. Demand and trading limited, market slightly stronger. Sales to jobbers- per lb. Old crop about gond; new just starting; prospects are for good crop.

EXTRACTED: Montana, White Alfalfa 12-13¢. California, Light Amber Orange 11¢. Newcrop Amber Fruit Bloom 7-8¢.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Practically no demand or trading, market nominally unchanged. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: In 5-gal. cans- California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases- Colorado, White Sweet Clover $4.00-5.00.

BEESWAX: 405 lbs. reported received since last report, for which dealers quote 32¢ per lb. on country run ungraded.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1925.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
France	65
Canada	308
Mexico	705
Jamaica	122
Dominican Republic	2,850
French West Indies	112
Palestine and Syria	841
Total	5,003
Total Imports March 1925	5,736
Total Imports April 1924	4,857

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	April, 1925 Pounds	March, 1925 Pounds	April, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	101,055	40,755	63,511
Hawaii	22,906	26,135	33,444

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1925

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	18,305
Denmark	6,000
Germany	36,660
Netherlands	552
United Kingdom	43,550
Canada	1,171
British Honduras	25
Honduras	14
Nicaragua	51
Newfoundland and Labrador	75
Bermuda	48
Cuba	84
Bolivia	40
Colombia	47
British India	2,058
Ceylon	48
Straits Settlements	92
China	1,588
Java and Madura	144
Hongkong	629
Japan	510
Philippine Islands	1,344
Total	113,035
Total Exports March 1925	304,894
Total Exports April 1924	102,584

NO RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR APRIL, 1925

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING APRIL, 1925.

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Bulgaria	11,200
France	5,511
Germany	34,020
Italy	8,796
Netherlands	21,497
Portugal	23,112
Turkey in Europe	16,039
United Kingdom	12,331
Canada	470
Guatemala	2,190
Cuba	94,219
Dominican Republic	16,658
Brazil	95,248
Chile	44,015
British India	20,352
China	557
Hongkong	212
Palestine and Syria	589
Egypt	11,799
Total	413,815
Total Imports March 1925	331,498
Total Imports April 1924	442,106

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	April, 1925 Pounds	March, 1925 Pounds	April, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	1,877	4,214	1,769
Hawaii	2,609	5,251	3,670

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HONEY- NO. 170

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Light rains reported early in the month. Along the Coast buckwheat has made good growth and should yield well. Very little button or black sage is in sight, but white sage is coming into bloom and should yield a fair amount of honey in San Diego County, probably more than last years. Some sage honey has already been extracted. In Riverside County little flow is expected from sage or buckwheat. Orange honey is perhaps even scarcer on the whole than last year. The orange crop for the entire State is estimated at 15,000 cases. Most yields ran 15-20 lbs. per colony. Riverside County beekeepers are generally asking 12-14¢ per lb. for White Orange extracted in large lots, 15¢ per lb. in case lots, but some small lots have been sold locally for 11-12¢ per lb. Small lots White Sage have sold at 10-12½¢ per lb., with dealers offering 9¢ per lb. for Light Amber Sage. Beeswax has sold at 25-30¢ per lb.

In the Imperial Valley the honey flow is on but bees find it difficult to work due to high winds. In fact many bees are unable to get back to the hive when they do venture out, as a result of the wind. Buyers are already inquiring for honey.

Central California. The season is considered 3 weeks later than normal. Prospects look favorable for a late flow of dark honey. Swarming is over. Bees are in good shape where extracting of the early flow was not too close.

Northern California. The star thistle has started to bloom lightly, and if the summer is hot it should yield heavily. Rain continues to fall. Fruit bloom extracted honey has sold at 6½-7½¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Much alfalfa winter-killed in the eastern part of Washington and Oregon, and prospects for a crop are poor. Cold, cloudy, windy weather has made prospects still poorer. Bees are not building up well. Further west, bees are working on first crop alfalfa, which is yielding well. Few sales extracted honey reported at 10-12¢ per lb. in 5 and 10-lb. pails.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Conditions spotted. Recent heavy rains have brightened crop prospects in most sections, and early hot weather might yet result in a large yield; but Northern Colorado reports lack of moisture. Several sections anticipate shortage in irrigation water. Stores have been short, and where feeding has not been done many bees have died. Alfalfa is just starting to bloom, and yellow sweet clover and mustard are yielding in a few sections, but weather conditions have not permitted bees to work on them much. Net conditions are considerably earlier on the whole than normal.

The honey in this territory is very largely sold and gone, and carlot orders coming in cannot be filled. A few cases of off-grade comb honey sold at $4.00 per case; small pails white extracted at 10-13¢ per lb., 60s 11¢ per lb. Beeswax 28-30¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: In spite of the dry weather, the mesquite flow has been one of the heaviest in years, but catclaw flow is less satisfactory. Cold weather checked alfalfa flow for a couple of weeks, but it has been resumed. Bloom is abundant in alfalfa districts.

TEXAS: Recent rains have only slightly helped conditions and very few beekeepers expect a normal surplus. In a small district in central Texas prospects for a cotton crop seem to have improved, but reporters in the south central cotton belt advise that serious drouth continues, cotton has not been planted, all plant life is drying up, and many colonies are being shipped to more favorable locations. The second flow from mesquite did not generally materialize due to high winds and continued drouth, and in most areas there will be little more honey until cotton in the fall. Recent prices have varied widely. In 60-lb. cans sales have been made at 8-11¢ per lb., 10s, 10-12¢ per lb.; bulk comb, which is mostly cleaned up, 12½-18¢ according to container, mostly 15-17¢ per lb. Beeswax, 28-30¢ per lb. according to color.

PLAINS AREA: Continued dry weather has been broken by rains which will insure a crop from clover and sweet clover where plants are not too far gone to recover. White clover has been cut down by recent frosts in some sections, and high winds have also been unfavorable for bee activities. Basswood is reported yielding some nectar. Southern Illinois and nearby territory still needs rain to keep clover in bloom, and fall plants are also drying up. Old honey is very largely exhausted. One lot white extracted sold at 9½¢ per lb. Good demand for beeswax, which has sold at 33-35¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Clover is in full bloom, much earlier than normal, but it has been very dry, following late frosts, and recent rains will only lessen the extent of the crop shortage, except in the northern part of the area. Unless rains come soon the period of bloom will be cut very short over much of the district. Some sections report favorable prospects for fall flow. Very little old honey available. Few 60s white extracted sold at 12-14¢ per lb., light amber 10½-11¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 30¢ per lb.

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NORTH EASTERN STATES: In New York the recent 10 days of very hot weather, added to the long drouth, has so injured clover that very small flow is looked for unless rains come soon. The situation is better in Pennsylvania, but even there rain must fall if the clover crop is not to be cut short. Northern Vermont reports that clover and raspberry should furnish a good honey crop this season. Many bees in the fruit belt were killed by spray and dust poison; and other colonies were injured by bees being chilled at work. Little early fruit bloom was gathered, and much feeding has been necessary. Very little old honey remains unsold. Few sales White Clover, ton lots 11¢ per lb.; 60s 13¢; No. 1 White Clover comb $4.50 per case.
SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Due to an error, report forms for this period were not sent out to our Southeastern reporters; and the paragraph will have to be omitted in this issue. We will have Southeastern information again for our next market bulletin.
PORTO RICO: (Last half of May) During the week ending May 23 shipments from Porto Rico totaled 1,531 gallons (18,372 lbs.) of honey and 460 lbs. of beeswax.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
(Market reports are for June 13 or 15)

BOSTON: Since last report 20 bbls. Porto Rico and 100 cases Calif. arrived.
COMB: Stock cleaned up. No sales reported.
EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market firm. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢; Porto Rico, Amber 9½-10¢. California stock not sold, waiting for bids.
CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Storage holdings extracted light, of comb moderate. Market firm on extracted, steady on comb.
EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Per lb. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 11-12¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢.
COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-4.75, few fancy $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.
BEESWAX: Supplies moderate. Market barely steady. Sales to bleachers, electrical supply houses and wholesale drug houses- California and Colorado, crude light color 34-36¢, dark 27-32¢ according quality.
DENVER: Demand fair, market steady. Sales to jobbers-
EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, light amber 12¢ per lb.
COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.
KANSAS CITY: No arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-
EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.
COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases, White Alfalfa fancy $4.25-4.50, choice $4.00.
MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies light. Practically no demand, market very dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1 asking $4.50-5.00. Idaho, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1 asking $4.75-5.00.
EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Practically no demand, market very dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more. Per lb. Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover asking 10½-12¢.
NEW YORK: Since last report 14 bbls. Porto Rico, 2 boxes Greece imported, no domestic arrivals. Demand light, market dull.
EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans New York, White Clover 11-13¢, mostly 12¢, Buckwheat 10¢, few 10½¢ per lb. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢ per lb. Florida, bbls. Tupelo 12-12½¢, Light Amber 9¢ per lb. Porto Rico, bbls $1.05-1.10 per gal.
BEESWAX: Since last report: 28 cases, 101 bbls. from Holland; 65 bags from Chile; 19 bags Porto Rico; 31 bags Turkey; 10 bbls. Cuba; 108 bags Germany; 129 bags Brazil; 20 bags Guatemala imported. Supplies moderate. Demand limited, market steady. Per lb. Brazil and Chili, light 40-42¢. West Indies, light 41-42¢, medium dark 35-37¢. Italy, light 38½¢. Africa, light 37½¢. California, yellow 38-40¢.
PHILADELPHIA: Practically no receipts or sales. Spot supplies very light.
EXTRACTED: Few sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, barrels Light Amber $1.15-1.18 per gal.
COMB: No receipts. Too few sales to quote.
SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading slow, market steady. Sales to jobbers-
EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, new crop Orange, Light Amber 12½-13¢, white mostly 14¢; Alfalfa, Amber 7-7½¢, Light Amber 8-9¢.
COMB: 24-section cases - Colorado, White Sweet Clover $4.75-4.30.
BEESWAX: Market weaker, 30-32¢ per lb.
ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Practically no demand or trading, market dull, little change in prices. Sales to wholesalers, and jobbers-
EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, darker low as 7¢ per lb.
COMB: 24-section cases- Colorado, White Sweet Clover, fancy $5.00, No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.
BEESWAX: 505 lbs. reported received since last report, for which dealers quote 32¢ on country run ungraded wax.

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HONEY - NO. 171

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of June):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. In San Diego County nectar is coming in freely from sage and buckwheat, especially sage, and some large yields have been reported. Sumac looks promising. Many beekeepers, however, did not have their bees in shape to take advantage of the flow which followed the late rains. In Riverside County bees as a rule are expected to gather sufficient winter stores from buckwheat, and in some cases to secure a surplus, although it has been too cool for both buckwheat and sage. Many carloads of bees have been shipped to Idaho, Utah and Northern California. Local demand for honey is moderate, and little eastern demand has been reported. Wide range in prices reported. Beekeepers have been receiving all the way from 11 to 15¢ per lb. for ton lots extracted Orange, and many are holding for 14¢ per lb. Light Amber Sage has brought the beekeepers from 7½ to 11½¢ per lb. in ton lots, White Sage 10-14¢, carlot 13¢ per lb. Beeswax, country run 26-28¢, yellow 33¢ per lb.

In Imperial Valley, high winds in late May and early June reduced the field forces severely and held bees back. The flow is now on, but prospects are for a flow, only light to fair. Little extracting hasbeen done. Buyers are offering 7-7½¢ per lb. for Light Amber Alfalfa; beekeepers asking 8-9¢ per lb.

Central California. An excellent flow is on from Sage, which should continue for several weeks yet. A larger crop than that of last year is looked for.

Northern California. Thistles are making a heavy growth and the flow has started lightly, of a darker grade than usual. Alfalfa flow is very slow. Bees are swarming excessively, due to the long-drawn-out spring flow. Few ton lot sales dark, strong extracted honey at 5½-7¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Bees in fruit districts are building up after poison spray killed many. Prospects for flow from alfalfa have improved. A few beekeepers still have old honey on hand. Few sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, 60s 10¢ per lb., small pails 12½-13¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Weather is now favorable for nectar flow, and those who fed their bees to keep up normal strength have a good prospect, in general, of securing at least a normal honey crop. Recent rains and cool weather have held the snow on the mountains for irrigation purposes, and only a few reports have lately been received of irrigation water running low. The honey flow from yellow sweet clover and alfalfa is now on, but white sweet clover is not yet in bloom. Grasshoppers are not so numerous in some areas as usual. Spring dwindling has caused heavy losses in some apiaries. Bees to the extent of 40 carloads have been shipped into Utah and Idaho from California. Frequent inquiries reported for both extracted and comb, but practically no old honey is available. A little new dandelion honey has been extracted and placed on the market, but no sales reported. Large lot of small pails old crop White Sweet Clover reported sold at 14¢ per lb. Some reported offering new crop extracted in carlots at 9½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 28-32¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Unless rain comes soon, there will be no more mesquite honey. The early mesquite crop was fairly large and of unusually good quality. The alfalfa flow has been slow, although blooms have been abundant. A carlot of extracted mesquite and alfalfa sold at 8¼¢ per lb., a few case lots of mesquite at 8 1/3¢ per lb., 60s 10-10½¢ per lb., and small pails 11-13¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Following the first alfalfa flow, bees have not been active, but are now working on second crop alfalfa. Few sales extracted in 60-lb. cans at 12¢ per lb.; bulk comb, small pails 15-20¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Conditions spotted throughout the State. In Central and South Central Texas not enough rain has fallen to benefit vegetation; such cotton as has been planted is making a poor stand, and only continued rains would insure a fall crop. In North and especially Northeast Texas it is reported that conditions are favorable for a large crop from horsemint, sweet clover and other plants, with 30 pounds or more already secured. In the Southern part of the State rains have helped vegetation, and prospects are encouraging. Good demand reported for honey. Extracted has sold in 60-lb. cans at 10-12¢ per lb., 10s 11-12¢ per lb; bulk comb, 10s 14-16¢, 5s 14½-17¢ per lb. Beeswax, country run, 25-30¢ per lb.

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PLAINS AREA: Southern Illinois still reports dry weather with bees gathering only enough to continue brood-rearing; but Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota have had ample rains to insure a good crop. White clover and alfalfa are in bloom, with bees working on them actively. Sweet clover prospects are reported excellent. Spring dwindling was excessive in some places. Little old honey available. Ton lots extracted White Clover sold at 10¢ per lb., small pails 12¢ per lb. Beeswax 33-40¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Conditions very spotted, depending on how rains have fallen. In Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and in Minnesota raspberry, milk weed and clover look well and should produce good crops of honey if weather permits. The early raspberry flow is very white and of superior quality. In Southern Wisconsin and Michigan; and in Ohio and Indiana, where local showers have fallen clover is yielding well, and a few beekeepers may secure large crops. Generally, however, the crop will be short, and many beekeepers do not expect bees to gather more than enough for winter stores. The fall crop will be cut heavily if early rains do not fall. Very little old honey remaining. Few sales 60s White Clover extracted at 12½¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Where rains have fallen, clover in New York and Pennsylvania is in full bloom, which is unusually early. In some cases rain or cold weather has kept bees from working, but where weather was favorable the clover flow has been heavy. One reporter advises his scale hive is gaining 12-15 lbs. daily. Basswood trees are well set with buds. Where rains have not fallen recently the outlook is very poor. Northern Vermont beekeepers look for an excellent crop from raspberry and clover, which are already yielding heavily. Swarming over the entire section . , up to this time has been less than usual. No sales reported, and very little honey of any kind is available. Some extracting has already been done, and this year's honey will soon be offered.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees and plants in Georgia are in only fair condition, and rain is needed badly if fall plants are to furnish nectar. Only near large bodies of water has tupelo yielded well. Many bees have been shipped North. Alabama reports sweet clover flow very good where showers have fallen, and the prospect is for a large crop. The sweet clover flow in Mississippi is one of the best in years. Queen trade has also been very good. South Florida has had rain almost every day for two months, but bees have made a fair honey crop. The crop yield in eastern North Carolina is said to be above the average. Recent rains have helped plants in Louisiana , and will benefit fall flowers. Bees are working on cotton, and have stored considerable surplus. In some areas, however, beekeepers anticipate hardly enough stores to winter on.

Large lots of Light Amber extracted honey in 60-lb. cans have sold at 9¼-12½¢ per lb., small pails 12½-15¼¢ per lb; bbls 8-8 1/3¢ per lb; ton lots amber 7½-8¢ per lb. Bulk comb quoted at 12¢ per lb. Regular comb honey, No. 1, $4.75-5.50 per case.

PORTO RICO: (First half of June) Honey is coming in very slowly, due to drouth over the Island. Volume of crop is uncertain. Beekeepers are receiving 6½¢ per lb. for extracted in 600-lb. bbls. During week ending June 13- 275 gals; honey were shipped from the Island; during week ending May 30, 1,477 gals. honey.

HONEY IN NEW BRUNSWICK

By Consul G. C. Woodward, Campbellton, N. B.
May 20, 1925

While but little honey is produced in the northern portion of the province of New Brunswick, there are a total of 700 beekeepers in the province with nearly 3,000 colonies. The total crop was estimated at 65 tons in 1924 as compared with a production of 75 tons the preceding year, an average of nearly 50 pounds per colony.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for June 30.

BOSTON: Since last report 14 bbls. Porto Rico arrived.

COMB: Stock cleaned up. No sales reported.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- Per lb. in 60-lb. cans: New York, White Clover 14¢. California, Amber Prune 10¢. Barrels: Porto Rico, Amber [illegible].

CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Storage holdings moderate. Market little easier on extracted, steady on comb.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Per lb. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 11-11½¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢. Intermountain, mixed Mountain Flowers, white mostly 11.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-4.75, few fancy $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.

BEESWAX: Trading light, market steady. Sales to bleachers, electrical supply houses and wholesale drug houses- California and Colorado, crude light color 34-36¢, dark 27-32¢ [illegible] per lb. according to quality.

DENVER: Demand fair, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, light amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off grade comb selling at $3.[illegible]-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa fancy $4.25-4.50, choice $4.00. New stock, local receipts few sales $6.00.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Practically no demand, market weak.

COMB: Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1 asking $4.50. Idaho, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1 asking $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover selling 10-11¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 43,480 lbs. Ida., 280 lbs. N.Y., 135 lbs. Mich., 40 bbls. Fla., 39 bbls. 5 tierces Porto Rico, 42 bbls. Mexico arrived. Demand light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers in 60-lb. cans: Per lb. New York, White Clover 10-13¢, mostly 11-12¢, Buckwheat 9-10¢; California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢, White Orange 14¢; Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢ per lb. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo 12¢ [illegible] per lb.; Porto Rico, $1.05-1.10 per gal. In 60-lb. cans: Michigan, White Clover 10½¢.

BEESWAX: Since last report 5 bags Porto Rico; 26 bags Mexico; 4 bags, 1[illegible] serrons Santo Domingo; 50 bags, [illegible] Cuba: 130 packages, [illegible] Chile; 340 bags, 21 casks Brazil; 80 cases France; 4 bags Guatemala; 42 bales Holland imported. [illegible] Supplies moderate. Demand limited, market about steady. Per lb. Chili and Brazil, light 40-42¢. West Indies, medium 35-37¢. Africa, 38-38½¢. California, yellow 39¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Arrivals since last report 17 bbls Porto Rico, 18 bbls. Fla. Receipts and spot supplies light, market firm. Demand and movement show some improvement.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico, Light Amber $1.14 per gal. Florida, Light Amber $1.10 per gal.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading slow, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, Orange Blossom Light Amber 12½-13¢, White mostly 14¢, Alfalfa, Amber 7-7½¢, Light Amber 8-9¢.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Very little demand or trading, market dull, prices nominal. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: In 5-gal. cans, California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8-9¢, Dark 6-7¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases- Colorado, White Sweet Clover $4.00-5.00.

BEESWAX: 525 lbs. reported received since last report. Country run ungraded quoted by dealers at 32¢ per lb.

IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
France	66
Italy	146
Switzerland	67
Canada	438
Mexico	31,195
Dominican Republic	1,825
Hongkong	40
Total	33,777
Total Imports April 1925	5,003
Total Imports May 1924	9,222

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	May, 1925 Pounds	April, 1925 Pounds	May, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	97,083	101,055	163,047
Hawaii	26,067	22,906	18,750

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1925

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	3,223
Germany	32,573
Netherlands	16,357
United Kingdom	133,645
Canada	748
Newfoundland and Labrador	75
Bermuda	279
Cuba	24
Colombia	330
Peru	252
British India	520
Straits Settlements	200
China	1,730
Java and Madura	1,740
Other Dutch East Indies	82
Hongkong	1,134
Japan	240
Philippine Islands	464
Siam	30
French Oceania	33
Total	193,679
Total Exports April 1925	113,035
Total Exports May 1924	52,270

RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR MAY, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Country not given	22

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING MAY, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
France	13,770
Germany	15,429
Italy	7,322
Turkey in Europe	42,056
United Kingdom	3,077
Canada	373
Mexico	120
Other British West Indies	734
Cuba	17,202
Dominican Republic	16,588
Virgin Islands of United States	176
Brazil	193,709
Chile	44,562
British India	5,248
Hongkong	160
Palestine and Syria	2,211
Egypt	35,812
Total	398,549
Total Imports April 1925	418,815
Total Imports May 1924	620,911

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	May, 1925 Pounds	April, 1925 Pounds	May, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	2,[illegible]82	1,[illegible]77	3,[illegible]50
Hawaii	2,268	2,[illegible]	[illegible]

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HONEY - NO. 172

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. San Diego County has experienced heavy local showers, and white sage has grown well, but nectar secretion has not kept up with the plants. As White Sage and Buckwheat flow came on together, much of the honey is light amber in color. In Riverside County the late flows are not promising for more than winter stores.

Honey is moving slowly, and beekeepers do not seem in a hurry to sell. Many are holding large lots of White Orange extracted for 14¢ per lb., but ton lots of White and Light Amber Orange have sold at 11½-12½¢ per lb., 60s 12½-15¢, and White and Light Amber Sage at 8-12½¢ per lb. Light Amber mixed White Sage and Buckwheat has sold in tons at 9-10¢ per lb., Light Amber Buckwheat, tons 10½¢; Orange comb $5.25 per case. Beeswax, average yellow 26-32¢, extra yellow 34¢ per lb.

Central California. A wide difference reported between asking and offered prices. Some ton lot sales White Sage reported at 13½¢ per lb.

Northern California. Bees are working already on the thistle flow. This year the early thistle blooms are yielding nectar, which is unusual. Many small lots of amber, which had been extracted in order to get the supers ready for the thistle flow, have sold at 7-8¢ per lb. Beeswax, country run 29¢ per lb. cash, 30¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The weather has been hot for the past month. The crop will be spotted. Early cutting of alfalfa has curtailed the yield of first crop in some sections, but second crop alfalfa and sweet clover are blooming. Demand good, and large beekeepers are looking forward to shipping several carloads to Europe this fall. Most of the old crop honey should be sold before the new is extracted. Ton lot sales white extracted 10¢, 60s 10½¢, small pails 12½¢. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Recent frequent showers have greatly improved the situation, and the crop prospects in many sections are better than usual. Where excessive swarming has not weakened them, colonies are in generally good condition. One Montana beekeeper reports 75 lbs. surplus from yellow sweet clover, with white now coming on well. Alfalfa has been yielding for several weeks. Some extracting has already been done. Considerable foulbrood is showing up in some yards.

Old honey is practically gone. Few sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa in 60s 11-13½¢, small pails 12-15¢ per lb. A few cases of off-grade comb have cleaned up at $3.50 per case. Beeswax, 30-32¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Some sections have had recent rains, but they are said to be too late to do more than help the fall crop. One beekeeper has already extracted more than a case to the hive. Carlots Light Amber Mesquite quoted at 8 1/3¢ per lb. large lots Mesquite and Sage, water white 8½¢, white 8¢, Light Amber 7½¢ per lb.; local sales White Catclaw and Mesquite 10¢ per lb. Beeswax, 33¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Bees are storing from second crop alfalfa and from sweet clover, with prospects of fair cotton yield. Unsettled weather prevents bees from taking full advantage of the flow. Little honey sold.

TEXAS: Over most of the State the drouth has continued or showers have been so light as not to help vegetation materially, and the outlook is gloomy. Honey granulates very quickly this year. Light surplus expected in the central Texas cotton belt. In the black land belt in the northeastern part of the State, however, conditions have been favorable, and a good crop of horsemint and sweet clover honey is being extracted to make room for cotton, which should yield well. Few sales reported. Light Amber extracted 60s 10¢, small pails 11-15¢ per lb; bulk comb mostly 15-17¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Recent rains have pleasantly surprised beekeepers by bringing out clover bloom, on which bees are working vigorously, and will insure a good fall flow. The quality of this year's honey is reported excellent.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Conditions spotted, but in general Minnesota, Wisconsin and Northern Illinois have had sufficient rain to provide an excellent white clover flow, which is still on, to be followed by basswood and sweet clover. One scale hive reported a gain of 60 lbs. in 6 days. Michigan is very spotted, with some exceptional crops being gathered; and many places, where little rain has fallen, having little surplus to date. In Ohio recent rains have brought on some new clover growth, but the crop will be very short. Very little honey available. Few sales fancy White Clover comb $5.50 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Situation very spotted. The crop will probably be generally below normal, but much better than anticipated earlier in the season. In some sections excessive rain is curtailing yield; in others there is lack of rain. Some beekeepers, in favorable sections, look for the best crop of white extracted in years. Basswood is yielding well in scattered spots. Buckwheat acreage is large, and outlook is for a good buckwheat yield. No sales reported.

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SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The river and bayou districts of Louisiana are now generally producing quite a large flow of amber honey, coming mostly from buttonwood and peppervine. Cotton is also yielding well. Northern Louisiana is still dry and making very little honey. Southern Georgia reports general rains, with honey coming in from cotton, Mexican clover, peas and beans. In Florida black mangrove and cabbage palmetto are starting to yield. Alabama lacks rain, but some report a sweet clover yield of 75 lbs. per colony. This yielded 100 lbs. per colony for some Mississippi beekeepers. Recent heavy rains in this State furnish excellent prospect for fall flow.

Extracted Tupelo in barrels has sold at 8½¢ per lb. for Amber, 12¢ per lb. for White; other honey quoted in barrels at 7-7½¢ per lb. for Amber, 10¢ per lb. for White; bulk comb mostly 12½-16¢ per lb., some up to 20¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

(These reports are for July 14)

BOSTON: 25 bbls. Porto Rico via New York City arrived since last report.

COMB: Stock cleaned up. No sales reported.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- Per lb. in 60-lb. cans: New York, White Clover 14¢.

CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Storage holdings moderate. Market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Per lb. Wisconsin, White Clover and Basswood 11-11½¢. California, Light Alfalfa Amber 10½-11¢. Intermountain, mixed Mountain Flowers White mostly 11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $4.50-4.75, few fancy $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.

BEESWAX: Trading light, market about steady. Sales to bleachers, electrical supply houses and wholesale drug houses- California and Colorado, crude light color 32-35¢, dark 27-32¢ per lb. according to quality.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, light amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50, and considerable off-grade comb selling at $3.00-4.00 per case.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady on comb, stronger on extracted. Sales to jobbers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $4.25-4.50, choice $4.00.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST. PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Practically no demand.

COMB: Market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, asking $4.50. Idaho, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, asking $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more- Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover, asking 10-11¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Since last report 1 car Calif. and 530 lbs. N.Y. domestic and 29 bbls. Porto Rico and 95 bbls. Mexico arrived. Demand light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans; Per lb. New York, very little new stock arriving, old stock about cleaned up; White Clover new crop 10½¢, Buckwheat old crop few sales 9¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover old crop 10-11¢, few 12¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo 12¢, Light Amber 8½-9¢ per lb. Porto Rico, $1.05-1.10 per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 259 bags Brazil, 160 bags Chile, 5 bags San Domingo, 6 bags Mexico, 60 bags Germany, 28 cases Holland, 34 cases, 90 bags India imported. Supplies moderate. Demand limited, market weaker. Chili and Brazil, light 38-39¢. West Indies, light 36-38¢, medium dark 33-35¢. Africa, dark 36¢. Italy, light 38¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 17 bbls. Porto Rico, 3 bbls Fla. arrived. Receipts and spot supplies light. Market about steady. Demand and movement slow.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers- Porto Rico and Florida, barrels, Amber $1.08, Light Amber $1.11 per gal.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies light, with practically no white grades on hand. Market steady. Sales to jobbers-/California, EXTRACTED: Light Amber Orange Blossom 12-13¢ per lb.

COMB: Old stock, Light Amber partly sugared $5.00-5.25 per case. No new comb honey on market.

BEESWAX: Supplies cleaned up.

ST LOUIS: No large arrivals since last report.

EXTRACTED: Demand and trading very light, market dull. S ales by wholesalers and jobbers- Per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9-10¢. Southern, mixed flowers 7-9¢, according to quality.

COMB: Practically no demand or trading, no sales reported.

BEESWAX: 500 lbs. reported received since last report. Market slightly stronger. Dealers paying beekeepers 32-34¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of July):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. In the orange belt beekeepers are experiencing their third poor season in succession. It is now thought that the orange yield was lighter than was reported earlier in the season. Sage and buckwheat in this section are not yielding as well as last year. In San Diego County, along the coast, however, plants have furnished nectar freely, and some yields of 100 lbs. to the colony are indicated, which is much better than the yield of a year ago. The sage honey has an especially heavy body this year. Sumac and buckwheat, although looking well, are secreting little nectar.

Honey is not moving rapidly, buyers holding off because of favorable crop prospects in the Mountain States. Riverside County beekeepers are endeavoring to hold White Orange honey for 14¢ per lb., but most buyers are offering 12¢ per lb. or less, and recent ton lot sales have been reported at 11½-11 3/4¢ per lb., single 60s 15¢. Ton lot sales of White Sage reported at 10-11¢ per lb. Extra Light Amber and Light Amber, including some Buckwheat, 9-10¢ per lb. Beeswax, average yellow 27¢, light yellow 30¢ per lb.

The honey flow in the Imperial Valley is about over. Alfalfa has not yielded as well as usual because of unfavorable weather conditions. Quality, however, is better than normal and much of the crop will run extra Light Amber instead of Light Amber in color. Beekeepers are generally asking 8¢ per lb. for Light Amber Alfalfa. One carlot sale reported at 7½¢ per lb., ton lots 7 5/8¢ per lb.

Central California. Alfalfa in the San Joaquin Valley is yielding well,- better than last year, and the outlook is for a good crop. Fall plants are also in condition for producing a good surplus. Two cars Light Amber Alfalfa sold at 6¼ and 6 3/4¢ per lb; some smaller lots sold at 7¢ per lb., ton lots White 14½¢ per lb.

Northern California. Thistle plants have been yielding well, although the extremely hot weather has been hard on the bees, and a larger crop than last year's is looked for. Some report 60 lbs. surplus already. Alfalfa has not yielded much so far. Some Amber Thistle honey has sold in 60s at 8¢ per lb., small pails 10¢. White comb has moved at $3.60 per case.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The weather has been extremely hot. New crop honey is being extracted, and indications are that the yield will be less on the whole than anticipated earlier in the season. Swarming hasbeen excessive, and spray poisoning killed many bees in the fruit districts. Few sales, White to Light Amber extracted, ton lots 10-10¼¢ per lb., small pails 12½-15¢. Few case lots of No. 1 White Sweet Clover comb sold at $4.50 per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION. As in other sections, much hot weather has been experienced lately, in some cases checking the flow. Showers have generally proved helpful in reviving honey flow. Except in parts of Colorado, most reporters throughout the entire region look for a crop up to normal and in some cases much better, and of fine quality. One Montana beekeeper expects a surplus of 200-300 lbs. per colony. Scale hives reported that showed 13 lbs. gain in one day. In some areas heavy swarming has reduced honey production. Bee inspection work seems to be carried on more extensively this year than before. Bees are working on sweet clover and second crop alfalfa.

Some beekeepers began extracting two or three weeks ago. Others have waited for honey to ripen more. Inquiries for ton lots reported fair, but carlot interest rather quiet. Two cars White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported sold at 8½¢ per lb., but beekeepers are generally holding for 9½-10¢; ton lots 9-10¢; 60s 10-12¢; small pails 11-14¢ per lb. One car white comb sold at $4.75 per case for fancy and $4.25 per case for choice. Bulk comb, 16¢ per lb. Beeswax, 28-30¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Drouth continues in the Southern part of the State, and although bees are rearing a large amount of brood, they are not storing surplus. Further north, rains keep the flowers in bloom. Alfilaria is causing the honey to be dark in color.

NEW MEXICO: A good flow is reported in the mountains, and a 2-inch rain July 26 broke the drouth in the Southern part of the State. The third crop of alfalfa has started to bloom. Extracted honey is selling in small lots at 12¢ per lb. in 60s, 12½-14¢ per lb. in small pails, and 16-18¢ per lb. for bulk comb.

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TEXAS: Conditions very spotted because of irregular nature of drouth and rain conditions. In a space of a few miles one beekeeper's land may have enough rain to produce a crop of honey while his neighbor may not. In parts of North and in Southeast Texas sufficient rain has fallen to secure a large crop of cotton honey of white color and good body. West Texas is very dry. In parts of the South Central area vegetation is dying, and many farmers did not even attempt to plant, but flowers and trees in yards are supplying enough nectar to keep bees going. Queens are laying well and some increase is being made, but beekeepers are already predicting that feeding will be necessary.

Demand for honey light, but prices are holding firm. Light Amber extracted is selling at 11-15¢ per lb. in small pails; bulk comb 14-19¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: The white clover flow is about over, but sweet clover is yielding well. Late rains have helped most of this area greatly, and many are securing better crops than last year, of unusually fine quality. Fall plants (aster and smartweed) are already yielding in Iowa, and prospects in general indicate a good late honey crop. Carlot buyers have been making inquiries, and several carlot contracts are reported to have been placed. Not many small lot sales reported made,- few 60s White Clover at 12¢ per lb., small pails 15¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: As in the States to the west of them, late rains have proved unexpectedly helpful to the honey crop in this area. Conditions are streaked, and some report only 1/3 crop, but in general yields will be above average. Minnesota expects a bumper crop, and in Michigan some large beekeepers look for a surplus average of 150-200 lbs. One scale hive in Minnesota is reported as showing a gain of 15½ lbs. in a day. Even in Ohio, in which the outlook was discouraging, recent rains have brought out and prolonged the clover flow, and a fairly good crop is anticipated. Recent rains will also be beneficial, not only to fall plants, but to young clover. The comb honey yield will be small.

The short fruit crop is causing considerable interest in honey, although few actual sales reported. Ton lot sales White Clover 10-12¢ per lb., 60s 11-14¢, small pails 14-15¢; small pails Amber 12¢ per lb; White comb, No. 1 mostly $5.00-5.25, few low as $4.08; fancy $5.50-6.00 per 24-section case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Conditions very spotted. Some beekeepers in New York and Pennsylvania look for one of the best cropes in years; others expect less than half a crop. In New York State as a whole the clover yield may be 25% or more below normal, with good crops in the northern part of the State and the Hudson River Valley. In Vermont bees are working well where weather is suitable, but, as in the other States, too much rain haskept bees from working on clover and basswood on many days. In Northern Vermont and New York, also, many days have been too cool for bees to work. The buckwheat acreage is large, and if weather permits bees to work, a large crop should be secured.

Inquiry for honey is opening up well, but few sales reported as yet. Ton lots of White Clover extracted have sold at 11-12½¢ per lb., one lot 9¢ with cans furnished by buyer., 60s 12-15¢, small pails 15¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb $4.75-5.50 per case, No. 2, $4.25-4.50. Beeswax, 31-40¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Conditions for nectar secretion in the Southern part of Georgia are satisfactory, and a good summer flow is on,- one of the best in recent years. The bay, cotton, Mexican clover, pepper bush and other plants are all yielding well. More than one super has been completed on best colonies since the spring flow. Queen-rearing conditions are excellent. The crop in Louisiana is so far perhaps half a normal one, but spotted. A flow is on from buttonwood and pepper -vine, and prospects for the balance of the year are good for the Southern and Middle part of the State. No further honey is looked for in the Northern part of Louisiana due to drouth. The sweet clover flow in Mississippi and Alabama was curtailed by drouth, but yields of 100 lbs. or more are reported, which is above normal; and a fall flow from partridge pea, Spanish needle and cotton is in prospect.

Much of the crop in the Southeast has already been sold. Light-colored extracted honey hasranged in cans and barrels 11-15¢ per lb., some amber extracted 7½-8½¢ per lb. White comb $4.00-5.00 per case; chunk or bulk comb 15¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO (First half of July): Coast apiaries have so far gathered only about 1/3 of a crop, and extracting has been light. It is reported that most hill apiaries are still waiting for the honey flow to start. Even in sections where rain has fallen it is said that the blossoms are not yielding well. Extracted honey in 600-lb. barrels is being quoted at 6½¢ per lb. For the week ending July 4, 1,950 gals. of honey were shipped out of the Island.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for July 31.

BOSTON: 50 cases Calif. arrived since last report.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- California, in 60-lb. cans White Orange 16¢. Porto Rico, barrels Amber 10¢.

CHICAGO: No arrivals since last report. Trading very light, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Wisconsin, per lb. White Clover and Basswood 11-11½¢. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10½¢, Amber 10¢. Intermountain Region, mixed Mountain Flowers 11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, 24-section cases, White Clover, No. 1 and fancy $4.50-4.75, No. 2, $4.00-4.25. Intermountain, mixed Mountain Flowers No. 1, $4.00.

BEESWAX: Trading light. Market about steady. Sales to bleachers, electrical supply houses and wholesale drug houses- California and Colorado, crude light color 32-35¢, dark 27-32¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, light amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, old stock, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50; new stock, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, fancy $4.25-4.50, choice $4.00.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies light. Demand very slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases: Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1, old stock $4.00-4.25, new $5.00. Idaho, White Alfalfa and Sweet Clover No. 1, old $4.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand very slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb.- Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover 10-10½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 48 bbls. Fla. 368 lbs. Ohio arrived and 121 bbls. Porto Rico imported. Demand light, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans: Per lb. New York, White Clover, new crop 12-13¢, mostly 12½¢. (Correction: price of 10½¢ per lb. in last report was on f.o.b. instead delivered basis.) California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo, fancy 14-14½¢, No. 1, 12¢. Porto Rico, $1.05-1.10 per gal.

BEESWAX: Since last report 3619 lbs. Ohio arrived and 155 pgs. Portugal, 40 bags Holland, 356 bags Brazil, 68 bags Cuba, 18 seroons, 37 bags San Domingo, 9 bags Porto Rico imported. Supplies moderate. Demand light, market steady. Per lb. Chili and Brazil, light 39-40¢. West Indies, light 37-39¢, medium 34-35¢. Africa, light 38-39¢. California, light 38-39¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 13 bbls. Porto Rico and 16 bbls. Fla. arrived. Receipts and spot supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers, bakers, candy manufacturers and wholesale grocers- Porto Rico and Florida, barrels Amber $1.07, Light Amber $1.10 per gal.

SAN FRANCISCO: EXTRACTED: Supplies light. Demand generally moderate, but good for Sage honey. Sales to jobbers- California, Orange Blossom White 13¢, Alfalfa Light Amber 7½-8¢, Amber 6-6½¢; Sage Water White 15¢, White 14¢, Light Amber 12½¢.

COMB: Supplies very light, all receipts by express. Sales to jobbers- around $5.00 per 24-section case.

BEEXWAX: Old crop selling slowly at 32¢ per lb.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report.

EXTRACTED and COMB: No demand or trading, market dull. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: 105 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading light, market quiet and unchanged. 30-33¢/per lb. paid to producers for country run ungraded wax.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Canada	68
Mexico	33,998
Hongkong	75
Total	34,141
Total Imports May, 1925	33,777
Total Imports June, 1924	27,064

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	June, 1925 Pounds	May, 1925 Pounds	June, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	60,736	97,083	91,963
Hawaii	40,062	26,067	181,272

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1925

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	100
Germany	84,110
Netherlands	1,200
Sweden	718
United Kingdom	253,406
Canada	1,880
Honduras	54
Newfoundland and Labrador	120
Colombia	392
Peru	222
British India	1,784
Straits Settlements	157
China	2,653
Java and Madura	532
Other Dutch East Indies	270
French Indo-China	220
Hongkong	942
Japan	75
Philippine Islands	1,547
Siam	120
Total	350,502
Total Exports May, 1925	193,679
Total Exports June, 1924	58,742

NO RE-EXPORTS FOR JUNE, 1925

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JUNE, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	Quantity Pounds
Germany	11,240
Portugal	22,606
Turkey in Europe	6,572
Canada	256
Guatemala	3,149
Mexico	21,165
Other British West Indies	1,485
Cuba	19,298
Dominican Republic	12,472
Argentina	32,134
Brazil	90,215
Chile	39,483
British India	5,904
Egypt	13,604
Total	279,583
Total Imports May, 1925	398,549
Total Imports June, 1924	160,655

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	June, 1925 Pounds	May, 1925 Pounds	June, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	--	2,262	1,590
Hawaii	--	2,268	--

NO RE-EXPORTS OF BEESWAX FOR JUNE, 1925

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925 BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Mexico	185,132	27,710	2,270	16,053	6,539	50	37,801	6,429	22,382		705	31,195	33,998
Canada	47,456	1,260	2,369	7,858	13,254	10,683	5,397	1,688	3,174	959	308	438	68
Dominican Republic	29,822	5,924	14,400		3,968			100	755		2,850	1,825	
British West Indies	5,802	4,992		810									
Cuba	615					15				600			
Salvador	448				448								
Haiti	143			143									
Jamaica	122										122		
French West Indies	112										112		
United Kingdom	34,733	1,068			5,432	1,218	18,641	2,358	2,079	3,937			
Greece	4,521			3,906	320				55	240			
Italy	2,630	673		128	136	90	22	963	472			146	
France	1,367		100				236	900			65	66	
Switzerland	67											67	
Azores and Maderia Islands	40				40								
Palestine and Syria	4,873		38	770	990			45	2,189		841		
Hongkong	734	98				50		411	60			40	75
Totals	318,617	41,725	19,177	29,668	31,127	12,106	62,097	12,894	31,166	5,736	5,003	33,777	34,141

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Porto Rico	2,026,753	106,672	519,487	563,470	233,065	85,952	74,567	99,125	44,786	40,755	101,055	97,063	60,736
Hawaii	1,618,248	53,608	41,984	320,987	244,935	242,892	393,022	117,127	88,523	26,135	22,906	26,067	40,062
Totals	3,645,001	160,280	561,471	884,457	478,000	328,844	467,589	216,252	133,309	66,890	123,961	123,150	100,798

NOTE: The total shipments from Porto Rico and Hawaii to the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, 3,645,001 lbs., compare with a total of 4,410,355 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and with a total of 4,338,089 lbs. for the calendar year 1924. The total imports from other countries, 318,617 lbs. compare with a total of 348,188 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and with a total of 276,414 lbs. for the calendar year 1924.

Total receipts from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii, 3,963,618 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, compare with a total of 4,758,543 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and with a total of 4,614,503 lbs. for the calendar year 1924.

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EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925, BY COUNTRIES OF DESTINATION
(From data secured through Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

COUNTRIES TO WHICH EXPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Germany	2,578,399	11,400	35,420	133,196	435,793	806,221	232,331	386,568	224,895	159,232	36,660	32,573	84,110
United Kingdom	2,357,463	36,120	69,130	207,092	254,110	438,897	296,288	203,110	296,324	125,791	43,550	133,645	253,406
Netherlands	678,043	5,511	28,900	41,764	269,640	113,755	136,338	59,490	2,400	2,136	552	16,357	1,200
Belgium	187,052			21,600	50,224	77,760	6,000	9,840			18,305	3,223	100
Denmark	68,080	11,400		6,000	9,140	18,000	7,200	6,000	140	4,200	6,000		
Italy	59,199		9,730		49,429		40						
Finland	55,984	25,384				24,000	6,600						
France	19,120	380		5,400				13,340					
Norway	12,720	120	9,600				3,000						
Sweden	10,488	1,000	4,000	600			4,080	90					718
Canary Islands	6,667		3,283		3,384								
Canada	96,323	1,040	2,119	4,592	72,732	6,451	1,386	425	1,226	2,553	1,171	748	1,880
Mexico	1,017		73	866					78				
Newfoundland & Labrador	814			195		79		270			75	75	120
Colombia	1,497		225		325			178			47	330	392
Peru	1,334	60	54			100	545	101				252	222
Cuba	883	296	315			31	60			73	84	24	
Philippine Islands	19,157	1,566	879	603	4,724	1,320	2,623	2,370	775	942	1,344	464	1,547
British India	15,602	882	249	1,877	971	780	1,060	796	3,437	1,188	2,058	520	1,784
China	16,848	576	792	1,020	1,224	748	465	852	936	4,264	1,588	1,730	2,653
Java and Madura	7,760		945		558	168	220	2,252	300	901	144	1,740	532
Hongkong	6,112	576	815	120	120	300	190	120	422	1,344	629	1,134	942
Straits Settlements	2,912	80	106	300	180	567	60	90	750	330	92	200	157
Japan	2,620		245	149					48	1,353	510	240	75
French Indo China	1,767	528			179			360	360	120			220
Other Countries	4,824	661	404	60	358	608	379	288	505	467	226	424	444
Totals	6,213,645	97,580	166,684	425,434	1,153,091	1,490,745	698,865	686,540	532,596	304,894	113,035	193,679	350,504

NOTE: The total, 6,213,645 lbs., of exports for the fiscal year ending June 30,1925, compares with a total of 1,921,815 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and with a total of 5,013,760 lbs. for the calendar year 1924.

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HONEY - NO. 174

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of August):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Local conditions and results have varied greatly. While some bees are doing fairly well, others on ranges only a few miles away will only fill the hives for winter feed, with no surplus. Except for the sage country along the Coast, it has been about the poorest season on record, especially in the orange section and back country. One report was received to the effect that the total orange honey extracted may not amount to much over 15 cars. Many bees from Southern California are now working on star thistle in the northern part of the State. Shipments of bees on the way during the recent hot wave melted down badly, and heavy losses were reported also from desert sections during the hot period. Buckwheat is blooming well and will provide a light flow. On the back country of Riverside County many beekeepers secured no surplus at all and will go into winter with decidedly insufficient stores, although in some areas summer showers added to the flow. Many neglected colonies and considerable American foulbrood reported.

Many beekeepers are reported dissatisfied with marketing conditions and offered prices, and some talk is heard of further efforts along cooperative lines. Beekeepers are generally asking 14-15¢ per lb. for White Orange extracted, with buyers offering 12-13¢ per lb. or less, and some sales reported at 11½¢ per lb. Sage extracting is over, and beekeepers are offering 9¢ per lb. for Light Amber, with beemen asking 10¢ per lb. or more.

In the Imperial Valley the honey flow is slowing up, but bees will make enough more to provide winter stores. Several cars are ready to ship. One car Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold at 7½¢ per lb. Beemen are generally asking 8-9¢ per lb; buyers offering 7¢, and a few ton lot sales made at that figure.

Central California. Owing to the unusually late rains, cool weather and heavy swarming, bees are not as strong as normal for the fall flow, which promises to be good. Few ton lot sales Light Amber Alfalfa reported at 6½¢ per lb.

Northern California. The thistle flow began later than last year, but is now yielding well. Alfalfa plants reported troubled by root worms, and are yielding slowly. In some sections, 60 lbs per colony has been extracted from the toyon or Christmas berry. One car Dark Amber honey poor flavor, reported sold at 6½¢ per lb., ton lots 7-7½¢; few 60-lb. cans Light Amber 10-10½¢ per lb. No. 1 white comb $4.80-5.00 per 24-section case; dark comb $4.32. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Indications are for a short crop,- in some cases only one-quarter of last year's. Hot, dry weather curtailed the yield from second crop alfalfa, and third crop is being cut before bees have had much chance to work on it. In fruit districts bees were too weakened by spray poison to gather much surplus. Many queens did not lay all through July, owing to excessive heat. Many inquiries for honey, but few actual sales reported. Ton lots and 60s White to Light Amber Alfalfa 9½-10¢ per lb; many beekeepers asking 11¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: First crop alfalfa has been gathered and bees are now working on second crop. Beemen are now busy extracting. The yield will be irregular. In many areas it will not be up to earlier expectations, being curtailed by hot weather, disease, lack of water, or excessive swarming. Parts of Wyoming report practically no rain since July 1. On the whole, however, a better-than-average crop is looked for. One Montana beekeeper, with a surplus already of 225 lbs. expects an average of 300 lbs. before the season ends. The honey is of variable quality; some is very white, some off-color.

Most beekeepers have been too busy extracting to pay much attention to the marketing end, so far. The ideas of different beemen are even more widely apart on price than usual. Several cars White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have been sold for 8½¢ per lb., 1 at 9¢ per lb.; ton lots and 60s 9-14¢, small pails 10-15½¢ per lb. Carlot offers of 9¢ per lb. have been refused by some beekeepers however, and the Wyoming Beekeepers' Association, representing 41 carlot producers, has voted to hold for 11¢ per lb. One car comb honey reported sold for $4.50 per case for fancy, $4.25 for choice; some case lots No. 1 sold for $4.50. Beeswax, 26-32¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Cotton flow is good and the outlook is for a cotton crop above normal in quantity. Mesquite is blooming again, but not much honey is expected from desert plants during the balance of the season as rains have been insufficient. One small car Amber Alfalfa extracted sold for 7¢ per lb.; Light Amber Mesquite is moving at 8 1/3¢ per lb. in case lots.

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NEW MEXICO: The nectar flow is nearing an end, and nights are cool. A short flow is expected from third cutting of alfalfa and second bloom sweet clover. Extracted honey has been selling locally in small lots at 12½¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Local showers have fallen, but in some cases have been insufficient or too late to help the honey plants. Cotton revived sufficiently in the northeastern part of the State so that a late flow from that source is probable, although spray poison is weakening colonies in cotton areas. Bees are getting an abundance of pollen from elms, which are in bloom. Some sections still report continued drouth.

Buyers reported showing more interest in honey lately. Few sales reported, Light Amber extracted, 60s 9¢, small pails 11-13¢; Amber, 60s 7½¢ per lb.; bulk comb, Light Amber 14-19¢ per lb. Beeswax has declined to 25¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Continued dry weather cut short the yield in some areas, but generally beekeepers report a fairly good crop,- some running 100-130 lbs. or better. Where rains have fallen, clover is still yielding slowly; and smartweed and other fall plants are coming right along. The outlook is for a fairly good fall flow. Southern Illinois, however, reports no surplus, and little prospect for a fall crop. The clover honey is of excellent quality. Buyers are purchasing rather slowly; but several carlots of White Clover have sold for 9¢ per lb., ton lots 11¢, 60s 12-13¢, small pails 14-15¢ per lb. One car White Clover comb sold at $3.50 per case; carrier or case lots $4.50-5.00 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Frequent showers have kept clover in bloom longer than usual and bees are still working slowly on it, with sweet clover in full bloom. Smartweed and other fall flowers are also starting, and a large acreage of buckwheat is reported in Ohio. The rain has increased the flow beyond earlier expectations. Wisconsin has the largest crop in over 10 years,- 6 to 8 supers of both comb and extracted being common in the southern part of the State. Most beekeepers, however, were short of equipment, which resulted in an unusual amount of swarming. Some beekeepers began to extract before the honey was thoroughly ripened. In Northern Michigan beekeepers talk of an 80-100 lb. average, with prospects good for a late crop from fireweed; Southern Michigan has a crop of up to 150-lbs. average in favorable locations. Ohio has a short crop, but larger than earlier indications forecast. Bees are brooding heavy, and should be in good condition for winter.

The heavy crop is causing a tendency towards price cutting; though actual sales have not been many. Ton lots White Clover sold at 9½-12¢ per lb., 60s 12-12½¢, small pails 11-15¢, No. 1 white comb $4.80-5.50, few $6.00 per case, ungraded $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 32-35¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Frequent rains have continued, hindering bees to some extent; but beekeepers consider the situation preferable to cool, dry weather. The white clover flow is about over, the crop ranging from poor to fair along the Hudson River, to good in Northern New York. New York has a fairly good buckwheat crop in prospect, while a Pennsylvania reporter says he is in the midst of the best buckwheat flow in years.

Few sales reported yet. Ton lots of White to Light Amber Clover have sold at 9-12¢, mostly 10½-11¢ per lb., 60s 12-13¢, small pails 12-17¢ per lb., 160-lb. kegs 11¢ per lb; Buckwheat, small pails 14¢ per lb. No. 1 White Comb $4.80-6.00 per case, No. 2, $3.60. Beeswax, average 32¢, light-colored 39¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Many colonies in Louisiana are now consuming the honey they stored during early July. The yield is generally short,- 1/2 crop as a rule; sometimes less, and occasionally a normal crop. In favorable locations a little surplus is being secured. In Alabama bees are securing nectar from mint, but lack of rain is putting fall plants in a backward condition and may affect next year's plants also. South Georgia has had a good summer flow.

Few sales extracted Light Amber reported in ton lots 10¢, small pails 12-15¢; half barrel Amber 6½¢; Light Amber chunk 14¢ per lb. Beeswax, 28¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO (last half of July): Due to unfavorable weather, the crop will be light. Beekeepers on the Coast report only a short crop, and practically no surplus honey has been stored in the hill sections. Extracted in 600-lb. bbls. is being sold at 82¢ per gal. Recent shipments have been negligible.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for August 14.

BOSTON: Since last report 40 cases Vt. 50 cases Calif. arrived.

COMB: Nothing reported offered.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market firm. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and botters, per lb. Stock to arrive: Porto Rico, barrels Amber 10-10½¢; Arizona, cans Light Amber Alfalfa 11-11½¢; Hawaii, barrels Light Amber 10-10½¢. Spot stock: California, Light Amber Sage 14-14½¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Ill, 3340 lbs. Wis., 570 lbs. Ia. 350 cases Ariz. arrived. Market steady.

EXTRACTED: Demand improving. Sales to bottlers and confectioners: Wisconsin, per lb. White Clover 11-11½¢. California and Arizona, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10½¢, Amber 10¢.

COMB: Demand and trading light. Sales to retailers- Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, 24-section cases, White Clover No. 1, fancy $4.50, few $4.75, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.

BEESWAX: Trading light. Sales to bleachers, electrical supply houses and wholesale drug houses - California and Colorado, light color 32-35¢, dark 27-32¢ per lb.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, old stock, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50; new stock, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Alfalfa, extra fancy $5.00, fancy $4.50, choice $4.00.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Old stock cleaning up. New stock, supplies light. Demand slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers in 24-section cases- Minnesota and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Old stock, supplies cleaned up. No new stock received.

NEW YORK: Since last report 408 lbs. N.Y. arrived, and 25 bbls. Porto Rico, 30 bbls. Mexico imported. Demand moderate, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners bottlers and bakers 60-lb. cans, New York, White Clover Extra Light Amber 12-13¢, mostly 12½¢, Buckwheat in 160-lb. kegs or 60-lb. tins 10-10½¢, mostly 10½¢. California, White Orange 14½-15¢; Light Amber Alfalfa 9½-10¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo fancy 13½-14¢, Light Amber mixed flavors 10-11¢. Porto Rican, $1.15 per gal.

COMB: Western, new honey, Fancy White $5.50-6.00

BEESWAX: Since last report 332 bags Brazil, 31 bags, 13 barrels Cuba, 24 seroons, 21 bags San Domingo, 89 sacks Chile imported. Supplies light. Demand light, market about steady. Per lb. Chili, Brazil, light 39-40¢. West Indies, light 37-39¢, dark 34-35¢. Africa, light 37-38¢. California, light 38-39¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 11 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Receipts and spot supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers- Porto Rico and Florida, barrels, Light Amber $1.10, Amber $1.07 per gal.

BEESWAX: Market firm. Buyers paying around 32-33¢ lb.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand and trading moderate, Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Supplies light. California, White Orange Blossom 13¢, Alfalfa Light Amber 7½-8¢, Amber 6-6½¢; Sage Water White 15¢, White 14¢, Light Amber 12½¢ per lb.

COMB: Supplies very light. A few sales at $5.00 per 24-section case.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report.

EXTRACTED: Demand shows some improvement in anticipation of early arrivals. New crop stock, no sales reported. Wholesalers and jobbers are being offered for Iowa, White Clover White 12-13¢, Light Amber 10¢ per lb.

COMB: Practically no demand. Market quiet. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: 1484 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading light, market quiet and unchanged. Dealers are quoting 33-34¢ for country run ungraded wax.

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925, BY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

COUNTRIES FROM WHICH IMPORTED	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Brazil	753,763	35,500	26,473	60,741	130,684	12,810	7,998	25,050	21,472	53,863	95,248	193,709	90,215
Chile	211,861	42,599	949	12,446	3,200	2,948	14,179		2,180	5,300	44,015	44,562	39,483
Argentina	32,134												32,134
Cuba	356,881	25,057	28,919	2,104	21,938	12,533	9,408	14,727	74,684	36,792	94,219	17,202	19,298
Dominican Republic	170,355	17,139	14,763	23,493	19,125	8,424	5,587	14,183	7,358	14,565	16,658	16,588	12,472
Guatemala	5,339										2,190		3,149
Mexico	34,463	65	65	15		3,183	4,239	1,311	2,850	1,450		120	21,165
Portugal	300,127				74,470	13,220	40,786	25,623		100,310	23,112		22,606
Belgium	189,763	44,156			58,310		54,597		21,500		11,200		
Germany	146,757			529					28,264	57,275	34,020	15,429	11,240
Turkey in Europe	123,518	4,322	5,646				15,374		11,186	22,323	16,039	42,056	6,572
United Kingdom	101,741	6,279	14,257	172		5,194	26,968	19,783	4,599	9,081	12,331	3,077	
Italy	49,304		3,026	3,633	2,240			1,120	12,002	11,165	8,796	7,322	
France	44,623	3,307		8,268	6,572	2,300			4,895		5,511	13,770	
Netherlands	22,906			1,409							21,497		
Spain	15,668	15,668											
Egypt	182,878	3,684	4,770	3,503	7,355	14,063	27,721	18,597	26,417	15,553	11,799	35,812	13,604
British East Africa	10,679			4,483				3,900	2,296				
Aden	18,149	2,800			8,762	5,605		982					
British India	42,694							8,856		2,334	20,352	5,248	5,904
Dutch East Indies	56,000					56,000							
Japan	47,488				44,800	2,688							
Straits Settlements	22,000					11,200		10,800					
Other Countries	16,528	1,071		4,034	725	360		1,031	597	1,487	1,823	3,654	1,741
Total	2,955,619	201,647	98,868	124,830	378,181	150,528	206,857	145,963	220,300	331,498	418,815	398,549	279,583

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Porto Rico	30,942	200	289	1,778	7,197	4,680	2,298	3,917	2,230	4,214	1,877	2,262	--
Hawaii	33,324	--	460	3,292	200	1,167	7,625	10,452	--	5,251	2,609	2,268	--
Total	64,266	200	749	5,070	7,397	5,847	9,923	14,369	2,230	9,465	4,486	4,530	--

NOTE: The total imports from all countries, including Porto Rico and Hawaii 3,019,885 lbs., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925, compares with a total of 3,324,850 lbs. for the fiscal year ending June 30,1924 and with a total of 3,151,865 lbs. for the calendar year 1925. H. C. Taylor, Chief of Bureau.

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HONEY - NO. 175

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of August):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Colonies on the whole are in fairly good condition as to stores and bees. In the back country and other dry areas, however, few bees will secure enough nectar to carry them through the winter without considerable feeding. Little surplus gathered in bean-growing sections, except from irrigated areas in Ventura Co. In the sage district of San Diego Co. 80 lbs. surplus reported from sage. Only 15 cars of bees reported shipped to Utah and Idaho by others than those who ship back and forth every year. Wild buckwheat proved a failure in most places.

More beekeepers than usual are bottling their small crops of honey in clear glass jars and selling them through roadside stands and grocers. Little orange honey has been shipped out of the State, but local and Coast demand has been good. Few sales of White Orange honey reported recently at 11½-12½¢ per lb. but most beekeepers are holding for 14¢ per lb. Beeswax, 26-30¢ per lb.

In the Imperial Valley the alfalfa flow is over. The crop has been below normal,- some secured only 1/2 a crop. Ton lots Light Amber Alfalfa have sold at 7-7½¢ per lb.

Central California. Much of the crop has been sold and bees are working on honey dew. Present prospects indicate a lighter yield than expected earlier in the season. Ton lot sales Light Amber Alfalfa, 7¼-7½¢ per lb.

Northern California. The thistle flow has been excellent, and an exceptional flow secured by colonies which were in shape for it, in spite of the hot spell in July, when many combs are said to have melted down. Many will get over 100 lbs. per colony. In the northern part of the section cool weather has slowed up the flow from third crop alfalfa and made extracting difficult. The quality of thistle honey is reported as very good, with the color varying from white to light amber. One carlot White Thistle reported sold at 10¢ per lb., 60s 10¢, Light Amber Thistle, few sales 7¢ per lb., 1car, medium Light Amber 6½¢, ton lots Amber 7¢ per lb. Best comb has sold at $4.80 per case. Beeswax, 27½-30¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The crop in Western Oregon is about the same as last year's; elsewhere conditions vary greatly. Parts of Washington will have a bumper crop; but Yakima Valley and nearby territory will range from 40 to 80% of a crop. Second crop alfalfa yielded little nectar, but some nectar is coming in from third crop alfalfa. Old honey is practically cleaned up for the first time in 4 years. Few ton lots and 60s White Alfalfa sold at 10¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN STATES: Crop prospects appear decreasingly bright as the season advances. Early in the season the outlook seemed very favorable and beekeepers generally expected a bumper crop. Recent reports read entirely differently. The surplus honey flow in most sections stopped between Aug. 1 and 10, due variously to hot weather, cool, cloudy weather, lack of moisture and other factors, aided by excessive swarming; and many, perhaps most, beekeepers now look for a crop only half to three-quarters of normal, with some securing nothing. Occasional beekeepers, however, do report good yields, 1 apiary in Montana averaging 300 lbs. per colony. The crop of comb honey seems to have been poorer than usual. Colony strength is often below par, as some queens have not laid freely during the past two months.

Buying interest is not very active, being confined chiefly to inquiries. Some well-informed men believe the feeling on the part of the buyers that the crop is above normal is partly due to over-optimism by beekeepers early in the season. Yet numerous cars of White Sweet Clover or Alfalfa or a mixture of both have been sold at 8½¢, 9¢, 9¼¢, few low as 8¢ per lb., with one car Water White Alfalfa reported sold at 9 3/4¢ per lb. More sales have been made at 8½¢ per lb. than any other figure. Buyers are generally offering 8-8¼¢ per lb., and many beekeepers are holding for 9-10¢ per lb. Ton lots White have moved at 8-12½¢, 60s at 9-13 1/3¢, small pails 10-15¢; Amber, 60s, 8 1/3¢, small pails 10¢ per lb. Carlots of White comb have sold at $4.50 per case for fancy, $4.10 per case for choice. One carload comb honey reported sold recently at $4 per case straight, all grades. Small lots of No. 1 White have sold at $4.50-5.00 per case, few fancy $5.75; No. 1 Light Amber $4.00 per case. Beeswax 25-29¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: A light flow reported from creosote bush,- sufficient to furnish winter stores. Rainfall still light, but a normal crop may be secured. Several cars Light Amber Mesquite sold at 7½¢ per lb; 1 car Extra Light Amber Mesquite 7½¢; 1 car Mesquite honey reported sold a few weeks ago at 8¼¢ per lb. Light Amber Alfalfa has been selling in small lots at 7¢ per lb.

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NEW MEXICO: Conditions over the State are very spotted. Mountain locations have done very well, while valley beekeepers have secured little surplus to date, due to early drouth followed by excessive swarming since rains started falling. However, if the fall is late, it is expected the bees may fill the supers from cotton and wild flowers. Extracted honey is selling in small lots at 12½¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Spotted conditions continue. Wherever August rains were abundant, honey plants have bloomed and bees have gathered honey in good volume; in other areas surplus has been light to nothing. In South Central Texas some beekeepers report nothing growing at all. Brood-rearing is going on lightly where a little pollen is being secured. In cotton areas, spray poisoning greatly weakened the bees. Where the wild morning glory was abundant bees have done well, some colonies of above normal strength securing 50 lbs. each from that source. Much feeding will be necessary throughout the State.

Demand good for extracted; strong for bulk comb honey. Sales reported on following bases: extracted, 60s 9-11¢, 10-lb. pails 10-15¢ per lb; bulk comb, 10-lb. pails 15-19¢ per lb. Beeswax, 25-27¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Dry weather has been prevalent in parts of Iowa and South Dakota, and bees are consuming white clover honey heavily owing to a spurt of fall brood rearing. Where showers have fallen, however, bees in Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas are working on late sweet clover and fall blooms. Southern Illinois reports continued drouth and little surplus, but the northern part of Illinois is having one of its best seasons.

Honey has been selling rapidly. Several cars extracted White Clover have sold recently at 9½¢ per lb., 1 car at 10¢, some off-grade at 8½¢ per lb. for baking. Ton lot sales White reported at 10¢ per lb., small pails 12½¢ per lb. Comb honey has sold all the way from $3.60 to $5.50 per 24-section cases, mostly $4.50-5.00; few cases extra fancy $5.75.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: As in other sections, conditions have been very spotted. Minnesota, Wisconsin and part of Southern Michigan report much heavier yields than last year. Some Wisconsin beekeepers who were prepared for the flow obtained 2 to 3 times last year's output. Yields of 150-lbs average for extracted, and up to 200 sections of comb, were numerous in Southern Michigan. Yet only a few miles away, other Southern Michigan beekeepers reported only 40-50% of a crop. Ohio ranged from 50% to 200% of last year's output. The fall crop is dependent on the moisture from now on, as dry conditions are fairly general. Some Ohio beekeepers report so much drouth that clover did not germinate; others had sufficient showers.

The crop is mostly taken off, but not much honey has been sold yet, due to warm weather and the fruit crop being on the market at this time. Buyers do not appear to be as much interested in honey as in some other sections. Ton lot sales White Clover 9½-12¢ per lb., 60s 12-15¢, small pails 15-18¢ per lb. No. 1 White Comb has sold at $4.50-5.50 per case, few fancy $6.00-6.25 per case. Beeswax, 26-30¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The total crop is now estimated as considerably above that of last year, in New York, Vermont and Pennsylvania. The buckwheat flow in Pennsylvania is reported the best in years. One scale hive showed a gain in a week of 41 lbs. of buckwheat honey, with many colonies requiring 6, 8 and more supers. Bees in New York are also doing well on buckwheat, aster, alfalfa and goldenrod, and a prolonged fall flow is looked for. Bees are active around aphis, but are getting little honey dew. Considerable late swarming reported. Colonies should go into winter strong and with ample stores.

Many ton lot sales reported recently. White Clover or White Clover and Basswood has sold in ton lots at 9-12½¢ per lb., mostly 10-12¢, 60s 10-14¢, small pails 14-18¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 9-9½¢, 1 car 10¢, 60s 10½¢, small pails 13-15¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover Comb mostly $4.80-5.50 per case, few $4.00-4.50, and few $6.00-6.50; Buckwheat, few sales reported at $3.85 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: The outlook for a fall honey flow in Louisiana is discouraging as drouth continues over most of the State. Back from the coast much feeding will be necessary to avoid winter losses. Along the coast some beekeepers secured only enough for winter stores; others obtained a light surplus. The situation in Alabama is very spotted. Some sections are better than in 1924; others much poorer. Drouth has reduced the yield in some sections of Georgia, especially in the southwestern part of the State, where prospects are poor for a fall flow. Over much of Georgia, however, production compares favorably with that of last year. A severe drouth has recently prevailed in the Mountain, Piedmont, and upper Coastal Plains area. Where cotton was in bloom, surplus up to 50-lbs. was reported from Georgia,- the best cotton flow in 6 years. More honey reported in brood nests than usual. Recent light rains in Georgia render it probable that bees will get ample winter stores from Mexican clover.

Honey has been moving briskly in Georgia and Florida. Some beekeepers are already sold out; others are retaining honey only to supply their regular customers. Sales have been less free in the States further west. Extracted has sold in barrels at 6¼-8½¢ per lb.; 60-lb. cans 9-12½¢, small pails 15¢ per lb; chunk (bulk comb) 12½-17½¢ per lb. Comb, $4.00-5.25 per case according to condition and color. Beeswax, 28¢ per lb.

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PORTO RICO: (First half of August) A little honey is being stored in the hill sections, but a very short crop seems assured, in all parts of the Island. Barrels of Amber honey are quoted at 7¢ per lb.

TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for August 31.

BOSTON: Since last report 2 cars Porto Rico, 1 car Ariz. 1 car Hawaii arrived.
COMB: Supplies very light. Demand very slow, no sales reported.
EXTRACTED: Supplies liberal. Demand moderate, market barely steady. Per lb. Hawaii and Arizona, Light Amber, mostly 10½¢. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, barrels 10¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 610 lbs. Minn. 800 lbs. Wis. 56,440 lbs. Mont. arrived. Trading fair. Market trifle easier on comb, steady on extracted under increased receipts.
EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners: Per lb. Wisconsin, White Clover mostly 11¢, some 11½¢. Montana, Alfalfa White 11-11½¢, Light Amber 10½¢.
COMB: Sales to retailers- Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota- 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $4.25, few sales $4.50, No. 2, mostly $3.75-4.00.
BEESWAX: Receipts moderate. Trading light, market steady. Per lb. Sales to bleachers and jobbers- California and Colorado, light 32-35¢, dark 28-32¢.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-
EXTRACTED: Colorado, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, white 13¢, Light Amber 12¢ per lb.
COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, old stock, fancy $4.75-5.00, choice $4.25-4.50; new stock, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals reported since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady on extracted, slightly stronger on comb.
EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.
COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $5.00, fancy $4.75, choice $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST PAUL: No carlot arrivals since last report.
COMB: New stock, supplies light. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers in 24-section cases- Minnesota and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00.
EXTRACTED: New stock, supplies very light. Demand light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota, White Clover 11-11½¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Since last report 360 lbs. Pa. 5 casks Jamaica arrived. Demand moderate, market steady for New York buckwheat, weaker for others.
EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers 60-lb. cans, per lb. New York, White Clover Extra Light Amber 12-12½¢, few high as 13¢, Amber mixed flavors, mostly 11¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9½-10¢, White Orange 14-15¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢, mostly around 11½¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo fancy 13-14¢, Light Amber 9½-10½¢ per lb. Porto Rico, Amber $1.15 per gal.
COMB: New York, 24-section cases, White Clover, fancy $5.75-6.25, No. 1, $5.25-5.75; Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00.
BEESWAX: Since last report 42 bbls. Holland, 71 bags, 20 seroons San Domingo, 34 bags Chile, 15 bbls. 44 bags Brazil imported. Supplies moderate. Demand light, market steady. Per lb. Chili and Brazil, light 39-41¢. West Indies, light 38-40¢, medium 36-37¢, dark 34-35¢. Africa, light 37-38¢. California, light 34-38¢ according to quality.

PHILADELPHIA: No arrivals since last report. Spot supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market steady.
EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers- Porto Rico and Florida, barrels Light Amber holdover stock $1.10, Amber $1.07 per gal.
BEESWAX: Prices to nearby beekeepers for crude country run pale yellow to dark yellow wax 31-32¢ per lb.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies increasing with slightly lower prices. Demand and trading moderate. Sales to jobbers-
EXTRACTED: California, Alfalfa, Amber 6½-7¢, Light Amber 7½-8¢, White 10-11¢; Orange, Light Amber 13¢, White 14-15¢; Star Thistle, Light Amber 8-8½¢, White 9-10¢.
COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, No. 1, $4.80-4.90, No. 2, $4.50-4.60 per case.
BEESWAX: Supplies light. Demand slow, mostly 30¢ per lb.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report.
EXTRACTED: Practically no supplies on market. Practically no demand or trading. No sales reported.
COMB: No supplies. No demand or trading. No sales to wholesalers and jobbers. 1 car Michigan White Clover in 24-section cases bought on delivered basis, due to arrive soon, at $5.50 per case.
BEESWAX: 950 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading light. Market quiet and unchanged. Prices paid producers for country run ungraded wax 32-34¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
France	20
Italy	170
Spain	41
Canada	1,007
Mexico	29,970
Total	31,208
Total Imports June 1925	34,141
Total Imports July 1924	41,725

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1925

EXPORTED TO	QUANTITY Pounds
Denmark	6,735
Germany	143,751
Netherlands	8,328
Norway	10,800
United Kingdom	65,135
Canada	1,323
Honduras	40
Colombia	219
Peru	132
British India	1,916
Ceylon	153
Straits Settlements	690
China	2,219
Java and Madura	939
Hongkong	46
Japan	660
Philippine Islands	1,328
Siam	46
Total	244,460
Total Exports June 1925	350,502
Total Exports July 1924	97,580

NO RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY DURING JULY, 1925

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE U.S.

	July, 1925 Pounds	June, 1925 Pounds	July, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	116,572	60,736	106,672
Hawaii	166,224	40,062	53,608

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING JULY, 1925

IMPORTED FROM	QUANTITY Pounds
Germany	6,835
Netherlands	6,338
Portugal	33,700
Turkey in Europe	11,744
Canada	1,000
Mexico	4,982
Other British West Indies	542
Cuba	16,979
Dominican Republic	17,213
Haiti	259
Brazil	253,242
Chile	15,003
British India	10,796
Egypt	21,986
Total	400,619
Total Imports June, 1925	279,583
Total Imports July 1924	201,647

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	July, 1925 Pounds	June, 1925 Pounds	July, 1924 Pounds
Porto Rico	907	--	200
Hawaii	220	--	--

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HONEY - NO. 176

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of September):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Drouth continues in Riverside County and hail storms have done much damage. Bees working on alfalfa have filled up and some have made a small surplus. Buckwheat bloomed profusely but yielded little nectar. Bees near lima beans and lemons are breeding up unusually well and are in better shape than usual. In San Diego County bees are filling up slowly but steadily for winter stores.

Beekeepers in sage territory have still about half the crop unsold. Buyers are offering 8 3/4¢ and 9¢ per lb. for Sage and a few small beekeepers have sold at those figures; some at 10¢ per lb. Light Amber Buckwheat, ton lots, has moved at 14¢ per lb. White Orange is generally held at 14¢ per lb. Few sales of White Sage Comb at $8.00 per case. A good demand is reported for beeswax at 30¢ per lb. In the Imperial Valley a few ton lots have moved at 7½¢ per lb. Beekeepers are generally holding for 7½-8¢ per lb. with buyers offering 7-7¼¢ per lb.

Central California. For Light Amber Alfalfa buyers are offering 7-7¼¢ per lb., but no sales reported, as beekeepers are holding for 7½-8¢ per lb.

Northern California. A normal honey crop is now looked for on the whole, but the alfalfa crop is light. Ton lots Light Amber extracted have sold at 6 3/4¢ per lb; one small car Extra Light Amber 8¢ per lb. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Recent heavy rains have made fall plowing possible, and considerable alfalfa in the eastern part of the area which was frozen last winter but not turned under will now be plowed. The Yakima Valley crop is below normal due to adverse weather during the honey flow and spray poisoning, yet Washington on the whole had a good crop. Numerous inquiries are being received, and they are said to be increasing. Ton lots extracted are selling for 9-10¢ per lb., some holding for 11¢; 60s 10-12¢, smallpails 11-13¢ per lb; beeswax 27-32½¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Recent reports emphasize the spotted nature of this year's crop. If one beekeeper has secured the best yield in years, another in the same State may have only 40% of last year's output. There seems to be more reports of short crops than of those showing good returns, and it is apparent that the yield as a whole will be less than was anticipated earlier in the season. Some are still securing a small surplus from third crop alfalfa, sunflowers, rabbit brush, etc., but due to cool days and cooler nights bees can work only a short time, even on good days. The average colony is securing sufficient stores to continue fall brood rearing, which should result in colonies being of proper strength for favorable wintering; but some colonies will go into winter in poor shape, due to long periods of bad weather.

Inquiries have recently been more numerous, but buyers have not generally advanced their ideas of prices. Numerous carlot sales of White Sweet Clover, White Alfalfa, White Alsike, or a combination, have been reported at 8¢, 8¼¢, 8½¢, 8.65¢, 8 3/4¢, 9¢, 9½¢ per lb; but the great bulk of the movement so far has been at 8½¢ per lb. Ton lot sales have been made from 7½ to 10¢ per lb., 60s 9½-10¢, small pails 10-14¢ per lb. Many beekeepers are holding for higher prices, believing that carlot prices will advance to 10¢ per lb. Demand for comb honey has been moderate. Carlots have been sold at $4.50 for fancy, $4.10 for choice; one car fancy reported moved at $4.75 per case; smaller lots, No. 1, $4.50-5.25; No. 2 and choice $4.00. Beeswax, 26-32¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: The weather continues dry, but in most apiaries bees have stored some winter stores. Large lots Light Amber Alfalfa quoted at 7¼¢ per lb. Buyers are indifferent regarding Mesquite extracted, offering 8¢ per lb. for best grade, which beekeepers are unwilling to accept.

TEXAS: Recent heavy rains covering all central Texas, and amounting in some places to 2-5 inches, have greatly improved conditions. It was the first important rain in nearly a year in some of the drouth-stricken area. While probably too late to add much to the current crop surplus, the rain should obviate the necessity for feeding, for which plans had been made, and should put colonies into winter in good condition. Requeening will probably be practiced less this fall than usual, but as there was exceptionally heavy requeening in the spring the loss on that account may not be great. Some surplus has been stored in South Texas where rains had fallen. Northeast Texas reports a good cotton crop, and looks for a fall flow from cotton, bitterweed, and aster. Colonies which were extracted early in August have again made a good surplus. In most other areas the cotton flow was practically a failure.

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TEXAS (Continued)

The State will probably be on an importing basis before Spring, as the yield this season is hardly 1/3 of normal. Demand for 60-lb. can extracted is especially good; but comb honey is wanted in small cans. The following prices have been reported, per lb: extracted, 60s 10-11¢ per lb. 10s 12¢, some cotton 15¢; bul comb, 10s 15-16¢, some cotton 20¢; beeswax 25¢.

PLAINS AREA: The honey flow was generally cut short by hot, dry weather. Some Iowa beekeepers report only half a normal crop, and from Southern Illinois comes a report of the poorest crop in 40 years. Where rain has fallen, a fall flow is being secured.

Demand is reported as generally good, and much honey has already moved. In carlots, White Clover has sold at 9½-10¢ per lb., ton lots 9½-10½¢, 60s 10-11¢, small pails 15¢ per lb. White Comb has sold at $4.50 per 24-section case for No. 1, $3.75 per case for No. 2. Beeswax, 33¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: A crop normal or above is generally reported, and some very large yields have been secured. Wisconsin and Minnesota have bumper crops, and Michigan has on the whole one of the largest crops ever harvested. Some colonies in the northern part of the State have produced 400-600 lbs. from raspberry and milkweed. However, the long clover flow in Michigan, lasting 3 months, has allowed the white honey to be mixed with a little darker honey in some supers, making it slightly off-grade. Bees are still working on goldenrod, aster, sweet clover and buckwheat, and securing sufficient to stimulate brood-rearing. Most bees have ample stores for winter.

No carlot sales reported. Ton lot sales White Clover made at 9-12½¢ per lb., 60s 12½-16¢, small pails 14-16¢, No. 1 White Comb reported sold at $4.50-5.50 per case, few $5.75, No. 2, $4.00; Buckwheat $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 27¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The buckwheat flow continues above average, of excellent flavor and quality. Fall flow from aster and other plants is also coming in. Northern Vermont reports bees working actively on honey dew, and gathering large quantities. Bees are rearing brood, and there should be ample young bees for the winter period.

Honey is in greater demand than usual for the time of year. White Clover has sold recently in ton lots at 10-13¢ per lb., 60s 10½-12½¢, small pails 15-18¢, Buckwheat 60-lb. cans or kegs 9-9½¢, few 10-10½¢, small pails 10-15¢. Sales of comb reported as follows: White, fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 1, $3.84-5.50, few $6.00-6.50, mostly around $4.50; No. 2, $3.50; Buckwheat, No. 1, $3.00-3.50; Clover and Buckwheat mixed, No. 1, $4.80, No. 2, $3.60.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Drouth is very severe over most of the Southeast except Florida. In southern Florida one of the rainiest seasons on record is reported. Prospects for a fall flow look well, and bees are working actively. Partridge-pea and bitterweed are furnishing a little nectar in Alabama, but on account of the drouth bees may not have sufficient stores for winter unless rain falls soon. Bees are breeding up well for winter. Rain is badly needed in Georgia to revive Mexican Clover and other plants, so bees can get enough to winter on. Queen yards are suffering. Except in the eastern and southern parts of the State, Louisiana reports a practical crop failure, with no honey coming in.

Amber honey has been selling in large lots in barrels at 7¢ per lb., tons, 60-lb. cans 7½¢; Light Amber, tons 12¢; small pails, Light Amber to White 13-15¢; Chunk, 10s, 12-16¢ per lb; wax, 30-35¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO: The situation has recently shown considerable improvement, and honey has been coming in more freely, so that prices in some markets in the United States reported dropped 22¢ per gal. in a few weeks. Some beekeepers are holding for better prices.

CUBA: Beekeepers in some sections of the Island expect a normal crop; but other sections are in poor condition due to lack of moisture. Little honey now available, although demand from Europe for immediate shipment is reported good. Several carloads reported sold late in August to Europe at $1.07 per gal. cost and freight.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

Arrivals include receipts during preceding two weeks. Prices represent sales or current quotations, as secured from the original receivers, but must not be understood as attempting to forecast future market conditions or prices in any degree. Market condition comments represent the opinion of the trade, and their accuracy is not guaranteed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Market reports are for September 14 or 15.

BOSTON: Since last report 95 cases Vt. 50 cases Ida. 1 car Porto Rico arrived.

EXTRACTED: Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- Demand slow, market dull. Per lb. Hawaii and Arizona, Light Amber, mostly 10½¢. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, barrels 10¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 14-15¢.

COMB: Demand limited, market steady. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover 14 oz. $5.25, 12 oz. $4.50; 24-section cases 10 oz. $5.50, 13 oz. $6.25, 14 oz. $6.50.

CHICAGO: Since last repott 38,650 lbs. Minn. 105,865 lbs. Mont. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Demand and trading fair, market steady. Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Per lb. Wisconsin, White Clover 11-11½¢. California and Montana, Alfalfa Light Amber 10½¢. California, Amber 10¢.

COMB: Demand and trading light, market steady. Sales to retailers- Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, White Clover No. 1, $4.25, few $4.50, No. 2, $3.00-3.75 according to quality. For BEESWAX, see bottom of page.

DENVER: Receipts of locally-grown honey are quite liberal. Demand light, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 12-14¢, Light Amber 11-13¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases fancy $5.50, choice $5.10.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $5.00, fancy $4.75, choice $4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS and ST PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies light, Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases, Minnesota and South Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

EXTRACTED: Supplies very light. Demand light, market steady. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5-gal. lots or more- Minnesota, White Clover 11-11½¢ per lb.

NEW YORK: Since last report 77,000 lbs. Wyo., 3,979 lbs. N.Y. and 129 crates, 25 tierces, 215 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans, New York, White Clover Extra Light Amber 12-12½¢, few 13¢, Amber mixed flavors mostly 11¢, Buckwheat 10-10½¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-10½¢, White Orange 13-15¢. Intermountain Section, White Sweet Clover mostly around 11¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo fancy 13¢, Light Amber 10¢ per lb. Porto Rico, Amb. 90¢-$1.00 per gal.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy $6.00-6.25, No. 1, $5.50-5.75; Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 130 bags Brazil, 16 bags Porto Rico, 32 bags Cuba, 10 seroons, 3 bags San Domingo arrived. Supplies moderate. Demand limited, market steady. Chili and Brazil, light 39-41¢. West Indies, light 38-40¢, medium 36-37¢, dark 34-35¢. Africa, light 37-38. California, light best stock 36-38¢. per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: Spot supplies light. Demand and movement slow, market weaker.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, manufacturers, bottlers and bakers- Porto Rico and Florida, Light Amber holdover stock 91¢ per gal., Amber holdover stock 88¢ per gal.

BEESWAX: Prices to nearby beekeepers for crude country run wax, pale yellow to dark yellow, 31¢ per lb.

SAN FRANCISCO: Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Orange, supplies light, White 14-14½¢, Light Amber mostly 12¢; Sage, supplies moderate, White 12½-14¢, Light Amber 10-11¢; Star Thistle Light Amber 9-10¢. Nevada, White Sweet Clover 8½-9¢.

COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, No. 1, $4.80, No. 2, $4.00.

ST LOUIS: No arrivals since last report. Practically no supplies on market. No demand or trading account hot weather. No sales reported.

BEESWAX: 181 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading very light, market quiet and nominally steady. Dealers are offering producers 32¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

CHICAGO: (Continued) BEESWAX: Trading light, market steady. Sales to bleachers, jobbers and electrical supply houses- California and Colorado, light color 32-35¢, dark 27-32¢ per lb.

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NET IMPORTS OF HONEY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1924-1925

	TOTAL	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Total Imports	318,617	41,725	19,177	29,668	31,127	12,106	62,097
Re-Exports	123,692	5,622	31,856	14,846	19,029	0	48,763
Net Imports	194,925	36,103	- 12,679	14,822	12,098	12,106	13,334
Net Imports Fiscal year 1923-1924	225,679	- 57,730	31,445	33,720	45,342	67,408	41,472

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Total Imports	12,894	31,166	5,736	5,003	33,777	34,141
Re-Exports	3,484	0	0	0	92	0
Net Imports	9,410	31,166	5,736	5,003	33,685	34,141
Net Imports Fiscal year 1923-1924	11,153	2,733	9,623	4,357	9,222	26,434

MARKET FOR AMERICAN HONEY

From Consul Calvin M. Hitch, Basel, Switzerland.
June 26, 1925.

California honey is quite popular in this section, and inasmuch as Switzerland does not produce enough honey for its home consumption, the sale of California honey could be largely increased, notwithstanding the high rate of duty. Honey is classified under paragraph 71 of the Swiss Federal Tariff Act of July 1, 1921, and is assessed at Frs. 120 per 100 kilogram on the gross weight, which is equivalent to about $10.75 per 100 lbs.

It is said that the price of Swiss honey is too high to permit of its use in industry, and the bakers and confectioners are therefore compelled to use imported honey. It is feared by the producers of Swiss honey that if the duty were lowered, the public might purchase enough imported honey to affect the price of the domestic production. Imported honey sold in this section comes largely from the United States, Porto Rico, Chile, Cuba, Mexico and France, as shown by the table of imports for the year 1924:

Country of Origin	Metric tons	Pounds	Average Value in Frs. per metric ton
France	85.0	187,391	2,690.--
Italy	7.2	15,875	2,740.--
Hungary	1.0	2,205	2,840.--
Yugoslavia	9.8	21,606	2,950.--
United States	28.2	62,170	1,560.--
Central America	30.0	66,138	1,550.--
Cuba	27.0	59,524	1,180.--
Jamaica	2.2	4,850	1,180.--
Brazil	1.4	3,086	1,930.--
Argentina	0.1	220	--
Chile	80.5	177,470	1,380.--
All other Countries	2.6	5,732	1,538.00
Totals	275.0	606,265	1,910.--

The following are the prices at which honey is sold in this market by the wholesale dealers:

Chilean honey, in barrels of about 132 lbs.	$27.60	per 100 lbs.
Cuban honey, in barrels of about 660 lbs.	$24.55	"
Mexican honey, in barrels of about 660 lbs.	$24.55	"
Porto Rican honey, in barrels of about 660 lbs.	$25.90	"
California lime honey, in buckets of about 55 lbs.	$31.50	"
California sage honey, in buckets of about 55 lbs.	$33.35	"
Swiss honey	$36.80	"
French honey	$30.70	"

Swiss honey and about one-third of the quantity imported from France are used largely in households, while honey imported from the United States and other countri is used for industrial purposes. California honey is well suited for this purpose, and it is believed that its sale to bakers and confectioners could be increased very considerably.

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HONEY - NO. 177

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of September):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. If the drouth continues, it may kill many plants. Goldenrod is just coming into bloom in San Diego County, and will help furnish feed for colonies which are light in stores. Bees secured little nectar from beans in Ventura County. Sales of Sage honey so far have been brisk, and much of the crop has been sold. W ater White Sage is quoted at 11¢ per lb., White, 9-10¢, Light Amber 7½-8½¢ per lb. Bean honey has sold at 10½-12¢ per lb. White Orange honey is generally being held at 14¢ per lb., with some sales reported lower. Beeswax, 26¢ per lb. Light Amber Alfalfa in the Imperial Valley has sold in large lots at 6 3/4-7¢ per lb.

Central California. Bees are filling up for the winter on tarweed and honey dew. They will go into winter in good condition. The alfalfa crop was fair; the thistle yield very good. 1 car Light Amber Alfalfa is reported sold at 7 3/4¢ per lb.; White Comb $4.00-4.80 per case. Beeswax 29¢ per lb.

Northern California. A normal crop has been gathered. Early rains stopped the nectar flow in most areas, but some colonies are still working on thistle and other plants. Several lots of dark early honey have sold at 6-6½¢ per lb. Many small beekeepers have lowered the price on Light Amber Alfalfa to 7¢ per lb. Thistle honey has sold in large lots at 8½-8 2/3¢ per lb., small lots 9-10¢ per lb. Large lots of beeswax have sold at 28¢ per lb. cash, 29¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The crop has been generally light,- only 1/4 to 1/3 in some sections of Washington, but normal in other parts of Washington and Oregon. Ton lots of extracted honey have been sold at 10¢ per lb., with some holding for 11-12¢ per lb. Beeswax, 35¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: The surplus flow is over, and rain, wind and cold weather are reminders that preparations for winter are necessary. Recent rains have kept bees from working much on late honey plants in many sections, but in favorable areas they have secured sufficient from late sweet clover, rabbit brush, etc., to keep brood-rearing going on. The rains, however, will help next season's honey plants. Stores vary widely, from ample to very scanty.

Results from extracting this season generally indicate a smaller crop than anticipated earlier in the year. But even in the same State, returns vary widely. In Colorado, for instance, the Arkansas Valley is reported as having a good yield, the Western Slope hardly fair, and northern Colorado poor. Idaho and Utah had short crops; Wyoming, Nevada and Montana fairly good crops. One Montana reporter states that a yard of 50 colonies averaged better than 425 lbs. to the colony. On the whole, however, probably more large districts reported comparatively small yields than large returns.

Numerous carlot inquiries for extracted have been received, and recently inquiry for comb hasbeen active. Although many carlots have been sold, many beekeepers are holding for higher prices. At the same time, some who originally held for 10¢ per lb. have been selling for 8½-9¢ per lb. Cars of extracted White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa have sold at 8½-8 3/4-9¢, 9¼¢ per lb., with more sales at 8½¢ than at any other figure; 60s have sold at 10-12¢, with some ton lots at interior points moving at 7½¢; small pails 11¼-14¢ per lb. One carlot in small pails sold at 14¢ per lb. One car Amber sold recently at 8¢, 60s 8½-9¢, small pails 10¢ per lb. Carlots of White comb reported sold at $3.75, $4.00, $4.40, $4.50 and $5.25 per case for fancy and No. 1; and $3.25, $3.50, $3.90, $4.00 and $4.50 per case for choice and No. 2; one car Light Amber comb $4.00. Few sales bulk comb 15¢ per lb. The beeswax market is stronger, and wax has sold at 24½-29¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Recent heavy rains have improved the condition of honey plants, but in many cases desert colonies must be fed, as they are very short of stores. There is a heavy flow on from cotton at this time. Carlots Light Amber reported sold at 7½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Bees are still bringing in nectar from sunflower, sweet clover and rabbit brush. Stores are ample; brood-rearing is still going on; and bees are apparently in good condition. The comb honey crop was good, but much of it was off-grade. Few sales reported, extracted, small pails 12¢ per lb; bulk comb 14¢ per lb; 24-section cases of comb $4.80 per case for No. 1; $4.00 for No. 2.

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TEXAS: Recent rains over most of Texas have so stimulated fall vegetation that in many sections there is now a fall flow and abundance of pollen which has greatly helped in brood rearing. Most localities are producing enough for winter stores, and if brood-rearing continues colonies should be in good shape for winter. A few sections that were unusually dry and received only local showers expect to feed. Coma, kinnikinnik and bitterweed are yielding, and a fall flow from cotton is thought possible in the northeastern part of the State.

Fairly good demand for extracted honey, and brisk demand for bulk comb, which is largely sold. Much of the extracted crop also sold. The following selling prices have been reported, extracted: 60s 10-12½¢ per lb., 10s, Light Amber 11-14¢, White 14-15¢ per lb; bulk comb: 10s Light Amber 16-17¢, White 19-20¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: The fall flow was curtailed by drouth, and recent rains came too late to provide much nectar flow. They did, however, put clover in good condition for next season. Bees are in generally good shape, but some beekeepers fear that winter stores contain too much honey dew honey. Demand for extracted good. Carlots White Clover sold at 9-10¢ per lb., ton lots 9-10½¢, 60s 11-12½¢, small pails 14-15¢; ton lot small pails White Sweet Clover 12¢ per lb. Comb honey is in light supply, and is selling at a wide range of prices. No. 1 White is moving from $3.60 to $4.50, few $5.00 per case, fancy $4.50-5.00 per case. Beeswax, few sales 34¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Brood-rearing has been going on for over a month, and bees are going into winter with plenty of young bees. The long flow from sweet clover, goldenrod, buckwheat, etc., insures most bees having ample stores, especially in low lands. The recent rains have improved the condition of clover, and prospects look good for next year where it was not killed out by earlier drouth.

Demand for honey is improving with some; market dull with others. Ton lot sales white Clover 9½-12¢, 60s 12-12½¢, few 15¢, small pails 13-14¢; Amber 60s 9¼-11¢, small pails 12-14¢ per lb. White Clover comb, No. 1, $4.50-5.50, few $6.00 per case.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: The fall flow has been heavy from buckwheat and other fall flowers. Some Pennsylvania beekeepers report the best fall crop ever secured, and for New York as a whole it will average considerably above normal. Bees continued to breed heavily until late, and are generally going into winter strong in bees and heavy in stores.

Buyers are reported active, and a large volume of honey has been sold. Carlots of White Clover reported sold at 11¢ per lb., ton lots 10½-12¢, 60s 12½-13 small pails 14-17¢ per lb.; one large lot of Clover and Basswood in kegs 11¢; Buckwheat, carlots 9¢, ton lots 8-9½¢, 60s 8½-10¢, small pails 11-14¢ per lb. Large lots of No. 1 White Clover comb have sold at the wide range of $3.60-5.50, few $6.00, mostly $4.50-5.00 per case; carlots $4.00-4.50; No. 1 Buckwheat $3.50-4.50, some very large lots $2.75-3.25 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Late rains have proved helpful in many sections. In Louisiana a fine honey flow is on from goldenrod and other fall plants, and some expect a 50-lb. surplus per colony. Bees are in good condition. Recent rains have also improved conditions in parts of Alabama and Mississippi, so that bees may secure sufficient for winter use and possibly a little surplus. Southeastern Georgia is still experiencing dry weather, but stores and young bees are reported ample. In Southwestern Georgia and further north in the State it is very dry, and some queen breeders have had to quit for lack of pollen. A little dry weather is a welcome change in Florida, permitting bees to work on fall flowers.

Much of the Southeastern crop has been sold. Extracted has moved, in bbls., Light Amber to White 9½¢, Amber 7-8 1/3¢; pails 12½-15¢ per lb. Best Comb, $4.00-4.75 per 24-section case. Beeswax, 28¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES: Porto Rico (First half of Sept.) Prospects for a crop seem more favorable than earlier reports indicated, and a fair flow is on in several sections of the Island. Honey is quoted at 65¢ per gal. in 600-lb. barrels.

CUBA: Stormy weather reported with heavy winds and rains, which may reduce the crop. Old honey practically exhausted. Buyers from Europe are offering 94-96¢ per gal., cost and freight, for new crop, Nov. and Dec. shipment, but shippers are asking $1.05-1.10 per gal.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS

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BOSTON: Since last report 35 bbls. Porto Rico, 50 cases N.Y. arrived.

COMB: Demand good, market firm. Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00, White Clover 24-section cases 10 ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-15-ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand improving, market steady. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- Per lb. Hawaii and Arizona, Light Amber, mostly 10½¢. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, barrels 10¢. Idaho, White Sweet Clover 14-15¢. New York, White Clover few sales 14¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Mont. 1 car Wyo. and 13,980 lbs. Wis. 1,345 lbs. Neb. 3,250 lbs. Ill. 997 lbs. Minn. arrived.

COMB: Demand and trading light, market steady. Sales to retailers- Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, White Clover No. 1 mostly $4.25, few $4.50, No. 2, $3.50-4.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand and trading rather slow, market about steady. Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Midwestern, White Clover and Idaho White Sweet Clover mostly 11¢. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10½¢, Amber 10¢.

BEESWAX: Market strong, prices higher. Sales to jobbers, bleachers and electrical supply houses. Per lb. California and Colorado, light 40-48¢, dark 32-37¢. Chili, light 42-47¢.

DENVER: Receipts of locally-grown honey moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 12-14¢ per lb. Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50 choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $5.00, fancy $4.75, choice $4.50.

NEW YORK: Since last report 36,200 lbs. Mont. 865 lbs. N.Y. 48,100 lbs. Wyo. and 201 bbls. Porto Rico, 15 bbls. Nova Scotia arrived. Demand moderate, market slightly weaker on New York Buckwheat, steady on other stock.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans: New York, Extra Light Amber Clover 12-12½¢, Mixed Amber 11-11½¢; Buckwheat 9½-10½¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, White Sage 14¢, White Orange few sales 14-15¢, few 16¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11-11½¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo, fancy 13-14¢, few 14½¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢. Porto Rico, supplies heavier, market weaker 85-90¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $6.00-6.25, No. 1 mostly $5.00-5.50, few higher; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 46 bags, 40 cases Holland, 34 bags Chile, 25 bags Cuba, 10 bags, 3 seroons San Domingo, 2 cases, 1 bag Porto Rico imported. Supplies limited. Demand good, market strong. Chili and Brazil, light 40-43¢. West Indies, light 40-41¢; medium 38¢. Africa, light 39¢. California, light 38-39¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 115 cases New York comb arrived. Spot supplies light but apparently sufficient to meet demand. Demand and movement moderate, market about steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, , bottlers, bakers and candy manufacturers- Porto Rico and Florida, holdover stock, Light Amber 91¢ per gal., Amber 88¢ per gal.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases fancy White Clover $6.00, No. 1, $5.50; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Nearby beekeepers receiving 35¢ per lb. for crude country run average yellow wax.

ST LOUIS: Arrivals since last report include 1 car Calif. 1 car Colo. Supplies increasing. Demand fair, market steady. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Per lb. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8½-9¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 10½-11¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover selling nominally, fancy $4.00-4.50, choice $3.75-4.00.

BEESWAX: Approximately 250 pounds reportedreceived since last report. Market steady. Dealers are paying producers 32-34¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: California, Alfalfa Amber 6½-7¢, Light Amber 7½-8¢, White 10-11¢, White Orange, supplies light 14-15¢, Star Thistle, Light Amber 8-8½¢, White 9-10¢. COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases No. 1, $4.80-4.90, No. 2, $4.50-4.60. BEESWAX: California, market strong, average yellow 30-32½¢ per lb.

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
France	123
Canada	3,230
Mexico	17,908
Jamaica	1,921
Total	23,182
Total Net Imports July 1925	31,208
Total Net Imports August 1924	(-) 12,679

RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY DURING AUGUST, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Country not given	4,564

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES:

	QUANTITY, POUNDS		
	August, 1925	July, 1925	August, 1924
Porto Rico	368,973	116,572	519,487
Hawaii	--	166,224	41,984

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Germany	116,326
Netherlands	19,704
United Kingdom	576
Canada	31,951
British Honduras	110
Honduras	54
Nicaragua	25
Mexico	350
Bermuda	17
Colombia	60
British India	658
Ceylon	69
Straits Settlements	1,200
China	7,480
Java and Madura	750
French Indo-China	220
Hongkong	289
Philippine Islands	2,546
Liberia	19,704
Total	202,089
Total Exports July 1925	244,460
Total Exports August 1924	166,684

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING AUGUST, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Germany	20,220
Portugal	26,800
United Kingdom	660
Cuba	9,728
Dominican Republic	25,252
Brazil	184,924
Chile	2,859
British India	5,576
Total	276,019
Total Imports July 1925	400,619
Total Imports August 1924	98,868

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII TO THE UNITED STATES

	QUANTITY, POUNDS		
	August, 1925	July, 1925	August, 1924
Porto Rico	2,121	907	289
Hawaii	--	220	460

NO RE-EXPORTS OF BEESWAX DURING AUGUST, 1925

ADDITIONAL MARKET

MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No large arrivals since last report. COMB: Supplies increasing. Demand slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.25-4.50. EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand light, market weaker. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5-gal. lots or more, per lb. Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 10½-11¢, mixed Amber 8¢.

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Heavy, warm rains early in the month broke a drouth of long standing, and should greatly benefit nectar-producing plants for next season's crop. Condition of bees variesgreatly: some are in fair shape; others are expected to lose over 40% before next Spring, based on this Spring's count.

White honey is moving rapidly; darker grades not so quickly. One small carlot White Orange reported sold at 12½¢ per lb., ton lots 13½-14¼¢, 60s 13-16¢, small pails 17-18¢; most beekeepers holding for 14-15¢ per lb. for large lots. One car Extra Light Amber Sage 9½¢. One car Light Amber 8¢; some ton lots 7½¢. Ton lots Light Amber Buckwheat 10¢, ton lots Buckwheat and Light Amber Alfalfa 11¢, 60s 12¢, small pails 13¢ per lb. Most cases of No. 1 White Orange and Sage Comb reported sold at $7.00 each; some White at $5.75 per case. Beeswax, 26-31¢ per lb.

In the Imperial Valley beekeepers are preparing for winter,- requeening, etc. The usual fall flow from cotton did not materialize. Most carlots of honey have now left the beekeepers' hands in this area. One large car of Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold at 7 5/8¢ per lb; ton lots 7½¢ per lb.

Central California. The Star Thistle flow is reported to be of better grade than last year. Buyers are reported offering 7-7½¢ per lb. for Light Amber Alfalfa, with many holders asking 8¢ per lb.

Northern California. The fall flow proved generally disappointing; cool, rainy weather cutting the crop short. Much of the crop has been sold. One car Light Amber reported moved at 7½¢ per lb., 60s 8½¢, small pails 11½¢; ton lots Amber 7½¢, small pails 10½¢ per lb. A few cases of Light Amber Comb sold at $4.80 per case.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: A wet, mild fall is putting honey plants in good condition for next year. Bees are generally in good shape, except for scattered American foulbrood, and some are already packed for winter. Yakima Valley reports a crop 50-60% of normal. In Western Oregon a crop better than normal is reported from fireweed and alfalfa districts, with around 90 lbs. per colony in Hungarian vetch sections, and very little from clover. Eastern Oregon reports one of the smallest crops in years.

The market seems slightly stronger, although buyers are slow to advance prices. Some beekeepers are selling carlots of White to Light Amber Alfalfa or Sweet Clover at 9 3/4-10¢ per lb., but many large producers are asking 11¢ and over. Ton lots have sold at 9-12¢, 60s 10-11½¢, small pails 12-13¢, few 16-18¢ per lb. Few cases Light Amber comb reported sold at $3.75 per case.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: A little rabbit brush and other late plants are still blooming in favored sections, but nearly all bloom has been frost-bitten. Some areas have had cold weather and considerable snow. Bees are going into winter in good condition, and stores are ample where extracting was not too close.

Many cars have been sold during the past two weeks but beekeepers generally consider the demand only fair. Demand from cities in the Pacific Northwest, however, is reported above normal. Most large producers are holding carlots of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa at 9-10¢ per lb., but some are willing to sell at 8½¢ per lb., and a considerable number of cars have been sold at that price, with one sale reported at 8¢ per lb. Other cars of White extracted have moved at 8 3/4¢, 9¢, and 9¼¢ per lb. with several cars of Extra White (Government standard) at 9¢. Ton lots of White and Extra White have moved at 9-12¢; 60s 10½-14¢; small pails 12½-15¢, some large lots 10-10½¢ per lb. Light Amber, ton lots 8-9½¢, 60s 10¼¢; some sales Amber reported at 7¢ per lb., buyers returning cans and cases. Carlots of White Comb honey sold at $4.40-4.50 per case for fancy, $3.90-4.00 per case for choice, small car $3.90 per case for all grades; less carlots, White, fancy $4.50-5.00, few $6.00, choice White $3.50-4.00, dark $3.75 per case. One half carlot White chunk sold at 12½¢ per lb., smaller lots 15¢ per lb. Beeswax, 28-31¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Due to summer and fall rains bees are in good shape over most of the State, although some are shy on winter stores. Bees are still rearing much brood. Some extracting is still going on. Only light demand reported. Few sales Light Amber reported, tons 7¼¢, 60s 8 1/3-9¢ per lb. Beeswax has sold at 29-30¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Honey is now moving more rapidly. Sales of bulk comb reported at 14¢ per lb. in 10s, 15¢ in 5s. Extracted in 10-lb. pails has sold at 12¢ per lb.

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TEXAS: Further rains have fallen, and for the State as a whole the rainfall has been one of the heaviest in years for this period of the year. Many plants are looking green, and prospects for spring are excellent. Bees are working on wild red sage, asters and other plants, and are building up slowly. Several reporters state, however, that an unusually large number of butterflies and other insects are covering the blossoms and hindering bees from securing nectar. Some queen-breeders are having trouble with laying queens swarming out of the nuclei Many colonies are low in stores and colony strength from the long-continued drought and considerable winter feeding will be necessary, especially in central and west Texas. Little honey remains unsold. Few sales reported of extracted in 60s at 11-11 2/3¢ per lb. Beeswax, 25¢ per lb. cash, 27¢ in trade.

PLAINS AREA: Fall rains came too late to supply much nectar, but did put plants and ground in good shape for winter. Bees have ample stores, and are quite strong for this time of year. Few sales of extracted White Clover reported at 11-13¢ per lb., small pails 12½-18¢ per lb. No. 1 White Comb has sold at $4.25-5.00, some low as $3.60 per case. Beeswax, 35¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: The weather and temperature were very favorable to honey plants during early fall, and the late flow was much larger than usual, except in parts of Ohio, so that ample winter stores were secured and some surplus. Queens were laying late, and plenty of young bees are generally assured. In some sections, however, more honey dew is reported in the hives than for years, and mostly in the brood combs, so that wintering is a problem.

Late reports increase the spotted nature of the crop, which early reports had indicated. Even the best of areas had adjacent sections where a poor crop was obtained. Where yields were large, however, some beekeepers have become alarmed over the thought of possible difficulty in selling their honey, and are selling in small pails as low as 10¢ per lb.

Inquiry in general is increasing, and much honey has been sold, although many beekeepers are waiting for higher prices. Carlot buyers are offering 9-10¢ per lb., but the only carlot sale reported is of a car of White Clover at 9½¢ per lb. Ton lots of White Clover have sold at 9-13½¢ per lb., 60s 11-15¢, small pails 13-15¢, few 18¢, and some low as 10¢. Ton lot sale of Basswood honey reported at 9¢ per lb. A few 60s of Raspberry moved at 15¢, small pails 20¢ per lb. Dark honey, including Buckwheat, has sold in tons at 7-8½¢ per lb., smaller lots 7½-10¢ per lb. No. 1 White Clover comb has moved at $4.50-5.50, few fancy $5.75 per case. Beeswax, 30-35¢ per lb., few higher.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Colonies are generally packed for the winter, and in some sections are reported as having the finest and most abundant stores in years. Frosts or freezes have been general, but some report the aster as still in bloom. In the central Hudson River Valley conditions have been different from those in most other sections. Cold weather has been unusually hard on the bees. There was little surplus honey from Buckwheat and other fall flowers; and most of the young colonies of this season are weak in bees and stores.

Many sales of honey reported, but large buyers are apparently waiting for price reductions now that the first demand has been satisfied. A large quantity of Buckwheat honey is on hand, and some beekeepers are anticipating lower prices before the first of the year. One carlot of White Clover extracted reported sold at 10¢, 1 car at 11¼¢, ton lots 10-13¢, 60s 11-15¢, small pails 15-17¢ per lb. Buckwheat sales, 1 car in kegs at 9¢ per lb., ton lots 8-9¢, 60s 8½-10¢, small pails 10-15¢ per lb. A carlot of No. 1 White Clover comb reported sold at $4.50 per case; smaller lots, fancy $5.00-6.00 per case, few higher, No. 1, $4.50-5.50, No. 2, $4.00 per case. Buckwheat comb, No. 1, $4.00-4.80, some low as $3.00; mixed Buckwheat and Clover $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 32-35¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: A good general rain helped vegetation in Louisiana and started young clover. Goldenrod is yielding well. Bees are in fair condition. Where rain has fallen in Georgia, bees are working on Mexican clover and bitterweed, and are in good condition. Over much of the State, however, it is still very dry and not much fall honey is being gathered. Brood-rearing is slowing up, and one reporter states that no queens have mated in three weeks. Continued dry weather in most of Alabama has practically ruined the fall flow, and much feeding will be necessary unless there is an early spring flow. Aster is beginning to bloom, but will not produce much nectar unless rain falls. Northwest Alabama reports bees working sufficiently on aster, goldenrod and bitterweed so that feeding will be unnecessary. Bees in Florida are beginning to work on wild sunflower, goldenrod, and other fall flowers, now that it has stopped raining for a couple of weeks.

Extracted honey has sold in barrels at 6 2/3-8¢ per lb., in cans and pails 12½-14¢, few 17¢ per lb. Best White and Light Amber Comb, $5.00 per case, No. 2 Amber $3.50 per case. Beeswax, 33¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES (Last half of September)

PORTO RICO: Nectar continues to come in slowly, although rains have prevented the yield hoped for. Some shipments are reported to Europe, where better prices are said to be obtained than in the United States. Last price reported was 73¢ per gal. in new barrels. Shipments during the week ending September 21 amounted to 11,645 gals. honey and 306 lbs. beeswax.

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CUBA: Conditions show little change. Large lot sales reported for November-December shipment at $1.02-1.07 per gal., cost and freight to European ports.

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BOSTON: Since last report 25 cases N.Y. 300 cases Vt. 15 bbls. Porto Rico via New York City arrived.

COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Vermont, 20-section cases White Clove 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00, White Clover 24-section cases 10-ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-15-ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand limited, market rather dull. Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers and bottlers- per lb. Arizona, Light Amber, mostly 10½¢. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, barrels 10¢. New York, White Clover few sales 14¢.

CHICAGO: Since last report 2 cars Colo. 1 car Mont. one car Wis. 1 car Wyo. and 5,075 lbs. Ia., 260 lbs. Ill., 2,435 lbs. Minn., 14,025 lbs. Wis. arrived. Fair trading on both extracted and comb, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners - per lb. Midwestern, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10½-11¢; Amber 10¢. Wyoming and Colorado, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, White Clover and Sweet Clover No. 1, $4.25, few best $4.50, No. 2, $3.50-3.75 per case.

BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market slightly stronger. Sales to bleachers and electrical supply houses- Midwestern, crude, light color 37-38¢, dark 33-35¢. Correction: in report of Sept. 30, prices should have read as follows: California and Colorado, light 32-37¢, dark 27-32¢ per lb.; and omit the prices on Chili stock.

DENVER: Demand light, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 12-14¢ per lb. Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No large arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand good, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, fancy $4.75, choice $4.50. Idaho, extra fancy $4.50, choice $4.00 per case.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No large arrivals since last report.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gal. lots or more. Per lb. Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 10-10½¢.

COMB: Supplies increasing. Demand very slow, market weaker. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few best $4.50.

NEW YORK: Since last report 30,941 lbs. Pa. 21,182 lbs. N.Y. and 82 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand moderate, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans: New York, Extra Light Amber Clover mostly 12½¢, mixed Light Amber 11-11½¢; Buckwheat, demand slow 9½-10¢, [illegible] Clover [illegible]¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11½¢, White Orange 13-14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11-11½¢. Barrels: Florida, Tupelo, fancy 13-14¢, Light Amber 9-10¢. Porto Rico, supplies liberal, market steady, mostly 90¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover $5.75-6.25, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.50; Buckwheat No. 1, $4.75-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 14 bbls. Brazil, 12 bls. 2 bags, 2 cases Porto Rico, 2 seroons, 16 bags San Domingo, 25 bags Cuba imported. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market strong. Chili and Brazil, light 42-43. West Indies, light 41-42¢, medium 38-39¢. Africa, light 39-40¢ per lb.

PHILADELPHIA: No arrivals since last report. Holdover supplies light. Demand and movement moderate, market firm.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, bottlers, bakers and candy makers- Porto Rico and Florida, holdover stock, barrels, Light Amber 91¢ per gal., Amber 88¢ per gal.

COMB: New York, holdover stock, 24-section cases, fancy White Clover $6.00-6.50, No. 1, $5.50, few $6.00, Buckwheat No. 1, $5.00.

BEESWAX: Nearby beekeepers receiving 33¢ per lb. for crude country run average yellow wax.

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SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market about steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Sage, White 14½-15¢, Light Amber 10¢; Star Thistle White 8½-9¢, Light Amber 7½-8¢; Light Amber Alfalfa 8-8½¢. Nevada, Sweet Clover, White 10¢, Light Amber 8½¢.

COMB: Supplies light. Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover fancy $4.80; No. 1, $4.50, No. 2, $4.00.

BEESWAX: Supplies very light. No sales reported.

ST LOUIS: No large arrivals reported since last report. Demand and trading good, market firm. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Per lb. in 5-gal. cans: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 8½-9¢. Colorado, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. Ohio, l.c.l. lots White Clover 11-11½¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, fancy $4.00-4.50, choice $3.75-4.00.

BEESWAX: 887 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Dealers are paying producers 32-34¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

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HONEY - NO. 179

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of October):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. With a rainfall of 6 inches for the first 22 days of October as compared with an average for the month of less than an inch, San Diego Co. is experiencing a rapid growth of vegetation, and bees have not begun to draw on winter stores. In the Imperial Valley cool weather and rough going have rendered requeening difficult. Few recent sales White Orange reported at 15-16¢ per lb., White to Light Amber Sage honey is moving at the offered price of 9¢ per lb., but some continue to hold for 10¢ per lb. Light Amber Alfalfa in the Imperial Valley has sold lightly at 7¼-7½¢ per lb.

Central California. Brood-rearing continues along the Coast, and the bees are in good shape for winter. They are working on blue curls but producing no surplus. Back from the Coast cold weather came early, but bees are generally in good shape. Buyers are offering 7¢ per lb. for Light Amber Mountain honey.

Northern California. The honey surplus flow from thistle is now practically over. The crop is reported to be of good quality and average amount per colony. As thousands of colonies were brought up from the South, however, it is said that the total thistle yield is the largest ever secured. Brood nests in the thistle belt are generally heavy and many queens are still laying, though they have stopped in most cases in alfalfa areas.

Some report that honey is moving much more rapidly than a year ago, but total sales so far are probably not heavy. Two cars White Thistle reported sold at 8½¢ per lb., ton lots Light Amber 7¢, 1 car small pails White Thistle 10 1/3¢ per lb. Comb, White Thistle, No. 1, $5.00 per case, No. 2, $4.50; Light Amber $4.80 per case. Beeswax, 29¢ per lb. cash, 30¢ in trade.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Colonies are reported to have built up well, and are heavy in stores so they will go into winter quarters in fine shape. The surplus from third crop alfalfa was sufficient to give a much better total yield than had been anticipated earlier in the season. Some beekeepers report that the honey is darker in color than usual. Ton lots and 60s of Light Amber extracted range 9-11½¢ per lb., mostly 10¢, small pails 11-12½¢. Comb honey, $3.75-4.75 per case, depending on grade and weight.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Cool to cold and cloudy weather has kept bees from flying, and many colonies are already packed for winter. Recently work has been hindered by cold weather. As the season came to a close earlier than usual, fall brood-rearing was curtailed in some areas and more honey than ordinary will be required to carry bees through the winter. Stores are generally reported as ample, however, where extracting was not too close. In addition to the usual amount of honey in the brood chamber, some beekeepers are reported as adding two extra well-filled frames of honey laid flat on top of the brood chamber.

Honey hasbeen moving out in steady volume under improving demand in some sections; while others are finding little interest on the part of eastern buyers, due partly to good crops in States further east. The local demand has been fairly constant. The carlot price for White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa has remained unchanged. Among the sales during this 2-week period have been at least 8 cars at 8½¢ per lb., 1 car at 8¢, 1 car at 8 3/4¢, 2 cars at 9¢, 1 car at 9½¢ per lb.; ton lots mostly 8½-10¢, few low as 6¢ per lb; 60s 9½-11¢, few higher; small pails, wholesale 11½-14¢ per lb. Carlots of fancy and No. 1 White Comb reported sold at mostly $3.50-3.75, some $4.15-4.40 per case; choice and No. 2, $3.00-3.25, some $3.85-4.00; less car lots, No. 1 and fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2 and choice $4.00; dark choice $3.60 per case. Beeswax has brought the beekeepers 28-33¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Recent heavy rains and warm weather revived honey plants sufficiently to bring on a light flow from the creosote bush, and honey plants are in good shape for next year. Long staple cotton yielded well this fall. Colonies are brooding up heavily, but some are short of stores. One small car Light Amber Cotton reported sold at 6 2/3¢ per lb. Case lots of White Mesquite have sold at 10¢ per lb. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

NEW MEXICO: Bees are in good condition. Bulk comb is reportedselling at 14¢ per lb. in 10-lb. pails. Extracted has sold at 12¢ per lb. in 60s., small pails 12-13½¢ per lb. Comb, $4.00-4.80 per case according to quality.

TEXAS: Frequent rains have hindered bees from working on aster and goldenrod. Cool weather has already come in some areas. Unless there is much feeding, it is expected that winter losses will be heavy. Honey is in good demand, but little Texas honey remains unsold, and it is reported that several carloads have been shipped in from other States. Extracted quoted, 60s, White 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber 11-12½¢, Amber 10-11¢; small pails, Amber and Light Amber 14-14½¢ per lb. Bulk comb, supply practically exhausted.

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PLAINS AREA: In some sections much rain and cold weather in October has made it difficult to feed bees and get them in shape for winter; elsewhere, even in the same State, frequent flights have been possible on warm days. Considerable feeding reported necessary in central Illinois. Honey is moving freely. The carlot price of White Clover continues at 9-10¢ per lb., ton lots 9½-10½¢, some low as 7¢, 60s 11-12¢, small pails 16¢ per lb. No. 1 White Comb has sold at $3.50-5.00, mostly $4.50-4.80 per case; No. 2, mostly $4.00-4.50 per case. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Most days have been cloudy, with considerable rains, snow and sleet. Extracting is about completed, and bees are ready to pack or put in cellars; some are already packed. Colonies are unusually strong in numbers; some reported hatching brood late in October. Stores are generally heavy, and much less feeding is necessary than usual. The rains have put honey plants in the best of condition for next year.

Due to the very large crop and shortage of equipment in parts of Wisconsin and Michigan, much honey was extracted before it had been properly ripened, injuring the market. Price cutting continues where yields were large, sales being reported at retail of white honey as low as 7¢ in 60s and 10¢ in small pails. White extracted, clover, raspberry and milkweed has generally sold in ton lots at 9-11½¢, 60s 9½-12½¢, few 15¢, small pails 10-20¢, mostly around 15¢. Recent carlot sales reported at 10½&12¢ per lb. Large lot sales Amber fall honey in small pails 10¢. Sweet Clover and Buckwheat 12¢ per lb. No. 1 White Comb honey $4.50-5.50, few $6.00, mostly around $4.80-5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.75 per case; Buckwheat comb, demand not so active as usual, large lot $4.00 per case. Beeswax, 32¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Following a cold, rainy October, with some snow, such colonies as were not previously packed are being prepared for winter. Due to the unfavorable weather, flights have been curtailed. Many colonies reported short of stores, especially in Hudson River Valley, where the fall is said to be the worst for bees in 10 years. In buckwheat areas, colonies generally have ample stores and are strong in young bees. Some beekeepers report an excess of honeydew in stores.

Honey is moving well in small lots, although large buyers are scarce. Demand reported as good as would normally be expected a month later. Carload lots of clover honey are already well cleaned up, but much Buckwheat is still on hand. Recent carlots White Clover quoted at 10 3/4-11¼¢ per lb.; ton lots sold at 10½-11½¢ per lb. few higher, 60s 11½-13¢, small pails 14-15¢, few up to 20¢ per lb. Buckwheat, 1 car 9¢, 1 car 8½¢ per lb., ton lots 7-8¢, 60s 9-11¢, small pails mostly 10-12¢ per lb. Comb, 24-section cases, No. 1 and fancy White Clover $4.50-5.50, few $6.00, and few $3.50-4.50; Buckwheat, No. 1, $3.60-4.00, some fancy $4.50-5.00 per case. Beeswax, few sales 35¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Nectar flow has about stopped in Florida, due to hot dry weather in some areas and rain elsewhere. Colonies have ample stores for winter, and are in good condition. The weather in Louisiana has been too cold and wet during the past two weeks for bees to work much, although some are still gathering a little honey from goldenrod, and one small extraction from goldenrod is possible. Mississippi reports ample stores with bees in fine shape. Some Georgia beekeepers look for heavy losses this winter from starvation. In favorable sections bees bring in enough pollen and nectar to keep brood-rearing going. Alabama colonies are now securing nectar from bitterweed and asters for winter stores.

The best grades of honey are largely sold, but considerable off-grade honey remains. Sales reported of extracted honey in barrels at 6½-8¢ per lb., 60s 8-8 1/3¢ per lb.; comb, $4.50 per case; bulk comb or chunk 15¢ per lb. in ton lots. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES (First half of October):

PORTO RICO - The honey flow is about over for the year, and it is considered a poor yield on the whole. The entire season is said to be one of too little rain or too much - too little to start the blooms in good shape, and then too much when the blossoms were out.

CUBA: Since the last report the weather conditions have improved to some extent. Bees are reported as working well, starting to fill the combs for the new crop. Some small sales reported for November-December delivery, at $.98-1.00 per gal. cost and freight to Rotterdam.

SHIPPING BEES TO NEW ZEALAND

A Vancouver, B.C., dispatch to the press of October 22 states that a [illegible] beekeeper, of Nelson, B.C., is shipping on the liner Niagara 30 pounds of bees and 10 queens to Auckland, New Zealand, where summer is just beginning, in an effort to make the bees produce two crops of honey. If the experiment is successful it is planned to ship bees from one end of the Pacific to the other, each year.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for October 31, or Nov. 2.

BOSTON: Since last report 213 cases Vt. arrived.

COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00, White Clover 24-section cases 10-ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50. New York, 24-section cases White Clover 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-13-ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market steady. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, barrels 10¢. California, to arrive, Light Amber Sage 10¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢. All on basis "Sales by receivers to confectioners, wholesalers & bottlers"

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Wyo. and [illegible] 3,270 lbs. Ill., 1,365/Ia. 2,200 lbs. Minn., 5,580 lbs. Wis., 188 lbs. Wyo., l.c.l. freight, and 900 lbs. Ohio exp. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Fairly good demand and trading especially on Light Amber, market trifle easier on Light Amber, steady on White Sweet Clover. Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Midwestern, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢. California, Alfalfa Light Amber 10-10½¢, Amber 9½¢. Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢, mostly 11¢.

COMB: Trading fairly good, market steady. Sales to retailers-24-section cases- Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa, White Sweet Clover No. 1 mostly around $4.25, few best $4.50, No. 2, $3.25-3.75. Midwestern, White Clover, No. 1, $4.50-4.75, No. 2, $3.50-4.00.

BEESWAX: Better demand and better tone to market. Prices trifle higher. Sales to bleachers and electrical supply houses - Per lb. Midwestern, crude light color mostly around 38¢, dark 33-35¢, mostly around 35¢. Imported: South America and Africa, medium to light 38-40¢, dark 37¢.

DENVER: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 12-14¢ per lb. Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market dull. Sales to jobbers -

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, fancy $4.50-4.75, choice $4.00-4.25.

MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL: No arrivals since last report.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gallon lots or more, per lb. - Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 10-10½¢.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand very slow, market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases - Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few best $4.50.

NEW YORK: Since last report 43,622 lbs. Wyo., 38,832 lbs. N.Y., 3,840 lbs. Pa. and 66 bbls. Porto Rico, 20 bbls. Mexico arrived. Demand limited, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans Per lb. New York, White Clover 12-12½¢, extra Light Amber Clover 10-11¢ Buckwheat 9-10¢. California, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11½¢, White Orange 13-14¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Barrels: Porto Rico, supplies liberal, market steady. 90-95¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy $5.75-6.25, No. 1, $5.00-5.50. No. 2, $4.00-4.50; Buckwheat. No. 1, $4.75-5.25.

BEESWAX: Since last report 398 bags England, 19 bags, 3 seroons San Domingo, 25 bags Cuba, 20 bbls. Mexico, 11 bags Porto Rico, 50 cases, 40 bags Holland imported. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market strong. Per lb. Chili and Brazil, light 43½-45¢. West Indies, light 43-45¢, medium 38-40¢. California, very few sales 38-40¢.

PHILADELPHIA: [illegible] Since last report 1,400 cases N.Y. comb arrived. Receipts and spot supplies moderate. Demand and movement more active, market firm.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, bottlers, bakers and candy makers- Porto Rico and Florida, holdover stock Light Amber 91¢ per gal., Amber 88¢ per gal.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases No. 1 White $5.50-6.00, fancy White $6.00-6.50, No. 1 Buckwheat $5.00-5.50, mixed flavors $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Price to nearby beekeepers for crude country run average yellow wax firm at 35¢ per lb.

ST LOUIS: Since last report 1 car from Calif. arrived. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Per lb. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers -

EXTRACTED: In 5-gal cans- California, Light Amber Alfalfa 9¢. Ohio and Michigan, White Clover 11-11½¢. Missouri, nearby Spanish Nettle 12¢.

COMB: Michigan, 24-section cases, White Clover fancy $5.50. Colorado, Sweet Clover choice $3.75-4.00.

BEESWAX: 1,632 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading moderate, market firm. Dealers are paying producers 33-35¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading very slow, market dull, very few sales. Sales to jobbers- EXTRACTED: California, Sage, White 14-15¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢, Star Thistle [illegible] Light Amber 7½-8¢, Alfalfa [illegible] 8-8½¢. COMB and BEESWAX [illegible]

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IMPORTS OF HONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
France	42
Italy	2,205
United Kingdom	5,159
Canada	12,413
Nicaragua	3,000
Other British West Indies	670
Dominican Republic	2,420
Hongkong	40
Australia	58
Total	26,007
Total Net Imports August 1925	18,618
Total Net Imports September 1924	14,822

RE-EXPORTS OF HONEY FOR SEPTEMBER, 1925.

	QUANTITY Pounds
Country not given.	2,928

SHIPMENTS OF HONEY TO THE UNITED STATES FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII

	QUANTITY, POUNDS		
	Sept. 1925	Aug. 1925	Sept. 1924
Porto Rico	336,417	338,973	563,470
Hawaii	328,536	--	320,987

EXPORTS OF HONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	67,800
Denmark	35,400
France	6,000
Germany	646,308
Netherlands	23,880
Norway	3,000
Sweden	8,040
United Kingdom	151,172
Canada	5,448
Guatemala	15
Honduras	38
Nicaragua	219
Mexico	2,375
Colombia	297
Peru	720
Venezuela	201
British India	3,940
Japan	552
China	1,620
Philippine Islands	1,758
Siam	150
Egypt	30
Total	960,013
Total Exports August 1925	182,385
Total Exports September 1924	425,434

Correction: In report issued October 1 covering August exports, 19,704 pounds going to Liberia was included in error.

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Germany	3,698
Italy	1,119
Portugal	6,633
United Kingdom	3,000
Panama	385
Mexico	5,600
Other British West Indies	1,989
Cuba	21,164
Dominican Republic	11,097
Haiti	95
Brazil	42,161
Chile	12,126
British India	12,880
Egypt	14,165
Total	136,112
Total Imports August 1925	276,019
Total Imports September 1924	124,830

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX TO THE UNITED STATES FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII, QUANTITY, [illegible]

	September, 1925	August, 1925	[illegible]
Porto Rico	5,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hawaii	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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HONEY - NO. 180

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: (Southern California) Very few flowers are in bloom, and the winter season is approaching. It is thought that weaker colonies may need protection if the winter is as long and cold as anticipated, but in general bees are in fair to good condition. The heavy early rains got vegetation started in good shape, especially in San Diego Co. One car Light Amber Sage reported sold for 9¢ per lb., but dealers generally are now offering only 8¢ per lb. for Sage. Few sales White Orange extracted at 15¢ per lb. Beeswax has been selling for 30¢ per lb.

Northern California. Most beekeepers have completed the season's work and are waiting for winter. Although several carloads of Star Thistle have been sold, one of them for export, demand in general is small. Some beekeepers are discouraged over the low prices, and lack of demand. Carlots White Thistle reported at 8-8½¢ per lb., ton lots 8 2/3¢, 60s 9¢, small pails 9½¢ per lb. Large quantities of average yellow beeswax sold at 30¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Conditions show little change during the past 2 months. Demand varies greatly with different beekeepers. Some are selling slowly, others have a demand greater than the available supply. Ton lot sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 10¢; Light Amber, ton lots 9¢, 60s 10¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Conditions vary greatly. Some areas have had sub-zero weather and much snow, with bees clustering and no flights for 5 weeks; in other sections not far away days are reported frequently sufficiently warm for bees to fly freely. Brood is still hatching in several areas. Some beekeepers are not through packing; and as usual many are wintering on summer stands. With plenty of moisture, honey plants should be in good condition next season.

On the whole honey is rapidly getting out of the producers' hands, although in scattered sections demand has slackened and inquiries are scarce. Based on the selling prices it would seem as if the market had stiffened slightly during the past two weeks. Carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, or one flavor or the other, straight, continue to be reported at 8¢, 8½¢ and 8 3/4¢ per lb. and more beekeepers are reported now willing to sell at 8½¢ per lb.; but at least 4 cars were reported sold at 9¢ per lb. One car water white sold at 8 3/4¢ per lb. Ton lots white 8 3/4; 60s 10-11¢, small pails 10-13¢ per lb.

Much price-cutting reported among the comb producers, resulting in unusually wide price ranges. Carlot sales reported at $3.15 and $3.50 per case straight for all grades White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa except culls. Other carlot sales reported at $3.50 and $4.00 per case for Choice, $4.00 and $4.40 for Fancy, and $4.25 per case for extra fancy. One car Light Amber comb sold for $3.50 per case. Beeswax is stronger and has brought the beekeeper 30-35¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: Bees are reported in fine condition for winter. The creosote bush and other plants yielded until after the first of November in some localities. A large amount of brood is reported in the hives, and heavy consumption of stores. Recent sales extracted reported at 8 1/3¢ per lb.

TEXAS: Continued rains tended to prevent bees from working on asters and goldenrod, and considerable feeding will be necessary except in a few favored sections where ample stores were secured. Many colonies have brooded up, and young bees are in fair to good supply in most sections. River floods are reported to have washed away some hives in bottom lands. Supply of honey very light and shipments to Texas from outside States continue. Few sales Light Amber extracted in ton lots 12¢ per lb.; 10s, 13¢; bulk comb, small pails, ton lots 15-18¢ per lb. Beeswax, 30-35¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Clover should be in good condition next season, as snow has fallen already and there has been ample fall moisture. Bees are generally in good condition. Carlot sales White Clover reported at 9¢ per lb., ton lots 9-10¢, 60s 12½¢, small pails 15¢ per lb. Clover comb has ranged all the way from $3.00 to $4.30 or more per case. Most lots of No. 1 have sold recently from $4.25 to $4.50 per case.

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EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: The unusually cold weather has been hard on bees still on summer stands and has tended to prevent preparing them for winter. Most colonies, however, are now packed or put in cellars. On the whole, they are strong in bees and have ample stores. Some have required partial feeding, and in parts of Ohio it is reported that much feeding will be necessary.

Demand for honey is hardly normal. Candied honey put up in 1 lb. butter cartons is reported to be in good demand, but otherwise interest is light. Beekeepers report that the market in many cities is demoralized due to the fact that some producers are selling a few pounds to retailers at the same price a wholesale buyer must pay. Good demandreported for beeswax. White Clover extracted reported sold in ton lots at 9-12¢ per lb., 1 car lot 9¢, 60s 10-13¢, few 14-15¢ per lb., small pails 12-17¢, per lb. Wide range reported for White Clover comb,- No. 1 and fancy selling from $4.00 to $6.00 per case, mostly around $4.50-5.00; few cases No. 2 $3.25 per case. Beeswax, 30-35¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Especially in the upper part of the area the weather has been unusually cold with much rain and snow, permitting bees only occasional flights. In Northern New York some bees have not flown for over a month. The unfavorable weather has greatly hindered packing. Cellar-wintered bees are now being put away. The ground is full of moisture, which should insure good honey plants for next year. Colonies are generally well provided with stores except in Hudson River Valley and along the upper lake shore, where some colonies are reported to have starved already.

Demand better for less car lots extracted Clover, and unusually good with some; demand for extracted Buckwheat variable. Retail demand in producing areas ranges fair to good. Large buyers reported holding off. Ton lots of White Clover have generally sold at 10¼-11¢ per lb., 60s 11-13¢, small pails 15¢ per lb., Light Amber, ton lots 9¢ per lb., Buckwheat, ton lots mostly 8-8½¢, 60s 9-10¢, small pails 10-13¢ per lb. Comb, 24-section cases No. 1 White Clover $4.50-6.00, mostly around $5.00, fancy $5.00-6.50, mostly $5.50-6.00, No. 2 $4.00; Buckwheat No. 1 $4.00, few $3.00-3.50.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Due to continued cool and rainy weather the expected flow of goldenrod in Louisiana failed to materialize, and some beekeepers are doubtful as to whether stores are sufficient. Broodrearing has continued and colonies are generally strong in bees. The rain should assure good prospects for early next year. In Georgia, rain the first of the month prevented bees from working, but since then they have been able to gather some nectar and pollen. Bees are generally in fair condition for winter. Variable conditions are reported in Alabama, but some bees are still working on bitterweed and aster.

Barreled amber honey reported sold at 7½¢ per lb.; light colored, barrels 11-13¢, 60s 10-12¢; bulk comb 12½-16¢per lb. Beeswax, 30-32¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES (Last half of October)

PORTO RICO- Rainy weather continues in some sections of the Island; in others conditions are more favorable, and extracting is going on in the hills. The period of extraction is said to be nearing its close. A crop of about 30 lbs. average is reported from the hill section. The last quotation received is about 6¢ per lb. f.o.b. or 74¢per gal. c.i.f. N. Y. Holders are reported awaiting better prices. Shipments reported Sept. 23 to Oct. 26: 132,466 lbs. honey, 4,132 lbs. beeswax.

CUBA: Conditions are spotted. In some sections the drouth greatly curtails nectar secretion; in others bees are working well.

POLISH HONEY INDUSTRY.

Prepared in the Office of the American Commercial Attache, Warsaw, October 7,1925, by Ronald M. Allen, Assistant Trade Commissioner.

Bee culture occupies a place of considerable importance among the agricultural industries of Poland. There are probably a million and a half hives throughout the country, 400,000 of them being centered around Lwow and Krakow, where the industry is most concentrated.

Annual production amounts to about 7,000 metric tons (15,431,200 lbs.) of honey and 500 metric tons (1,102,300 lbs.) of beeswax.

This output fails to satisfy the domestic demand, and Poland has to resort to importation. Czechoslovakia and Roumania are in the most advantageous position to share in this trade, both on account of their proximity and because the honey industry in these countries is highly developed.

In 1924, Poland imported 102 metric tons of honey and 103 tons of wax.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for November 13 or 14.

BOSTON: Since last report 54 bbls. Porto Rico, 221 lbs. Greece arrived.

COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, 20-section cases White Clover 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00, White Clover 24-section cases 10-ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50. New York, 24-section cases White Clover 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-15-ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand limited, market slightly weaker. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10¢, barrels 9 3/4¢. California, to arrive Light Amber Sage 16¢; Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢. Basis: Sales to wholesalers, confectioners and bottlers.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Ia., 1 car Mont., and 7570 lbs. Ia., 5570 lbs. Minn., 9439 lbs. Wisc. and 150 lbs. S. Dak. l.c.l. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Fairly good demand, especially on Amber and Light Amber, trifle easier undertone to market. Sales to bottlers and confectioners- Midwestern, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢, mostly around 11¢. Montana, fancy White Sweet Clover 11¼¢. Wisconsin, White Clover 11½-12¢. California, Alfalfa Light Amber 10-10½¢, mostly around 10¢, Amber 9½¢. Wyoming, Idaho, and Colorado, White Sweet Clover 10½-11¢, mostly around 10½¢.

COMB: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, White Sweet Clover, No. 1, mostly around $4.25, few high as $4.50, No. 2, $3.25-3.75. Wisconsin, White Clover No. 1, mostly $4.50, No. 2, $3.75.

BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to bleachers and electrical manufacturers- Midwestern, light mostly 38¢, dark 33-35¢. South America and Africa, medium to light 38-40¢, dark 37¢.

DENVER: Demand very slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: 1 car Colo. arrived since last report. Supplies light. Demand moderate, market about steady. Sales to jobbers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $4.75, fancy $4.50, choice $4.00-4.25.

EXTRACTED: No sales reported.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand very slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, No. 1, White Clover $4.00-4.25, few best $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers in 5-gallon lots or more, per lb.- Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 10-10½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report 1448 lbs. N. Y., 100 tierces 29 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand moderate, market steady except for Buckwheat.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans per lb. New York, Light amber mixed flavors 10-11¢, extra Light Amber and White Clover 11½-12¢. Buckwheat 8½-9½¢, few 10¢. California, Light Alfalfa Amber 10-11¢, White Orange 14-15¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Porto Rico, supplies liberal. Market weaker. Barrels; 80-90¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover, fancy $5.75-6.00, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-$4.50; Buckwheat, No. 1, $4.75-5.25,

BEESWAX: Since last report 74 bags Chile, 104 bags Brazil, 40 bags, 59 bales England, 40 cases France, 21 bags Egypt, 29 bags Cuba, 41 bales, 21 bags Porto Rico, imported. Supplies very light. Demand limited, market strong. Chile and Brazil, Light 43½-45¢. West Indies, Light 43-45¢, medium 38-40¢.

PHILADELPHIA: No arrivals since last report. Spot supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers, bottlers, bakers and candy makers- Porto Rico,

EXTRACTED: Holdover stock barrels Light Amber 91¢ per gal., Amber 88¢ per gal.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases, White Clover No. 1, $5.50-6.00, fancy $6.00-6.50; Buckwheat, No.1, $4.50-5.00, some $5.50, mixed flavors $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Price to nearby beekeepers for crude country run average yellow wax firm at 35¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: Since last report 1 car Colo. arrived. Demand and trading moderate, market stronger. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: In 5-gallon cans, per lb. California, Light amber alfalfa 10½-11½¢. Ohio, White Clover 13-13½¢.

COMB: 24-section cases, Colorado, White Sweet Clover fancy $5.00. Michigan, White Clover fancy $6.00-6.50.

BEESWAX: 1238 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Dealers are paying 35-36¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

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SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies moderate. Demand and trading slow, market about steady. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Sage, White 14-15¢, Light Amber 9½-10¢; Star Thistle, White 8-8½¢, Light Amber 7½-8¢, Alfalfa Light Amber 8-8½¢.

COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa No. 1, $4.80-4.90, No. 2, $4.25-4.50.

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THE COLOR GRADING OF HONEY.

(Extracts from Department Circular 364 by E. L. Sechrist, issued October, 1925, by U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Extracted honey is commonly sold on the basis of its color and the plant source from which it is derived, as white orange honey, or light-amber clover honey. To persons familiar with the various honeys on the market, the naming of the plant source indicates the flavor of the honey, this being the only method by which the flavor may be indicated. Certain names for colors of honeys have come into common use in the trade, but these colors have never been accurately defined or otherwise designated.

It has been definitely established in thetrade that not less than 12 pounds per gallon is the standard weight for honey; in grading honey, therefore, the density, or "body," need be given no further consideration.

With the flavor indicated by the plant source of the honey, and the body fixed at not less than 12 pounds per gallon, the next step is to establish color grades. As an aid to uniformity in grading, several color graders for extracted honey have been devised and placed upon the market. An examination of the colors of honeys collected from all parts of the United States, and of the colors of the materials used for comparison in these graders, reveals the fact that the colors of the graders are not the same as those usually found in honeys of similar degrees of darkness. A more serious difficulty arises because the color graders on the market do not have the same colors for grades of similar designation, so that a buyer using one grader and a seller using another might find themselves engaged in a dispute as to the proper color grade for a certain lot of honey.

It has seemed best to make a careful study of the colors found in a large collection of honeys, and then to devise a grader which may be used universally, in strict conformity with the colors found. This work was taken up in cooperation with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, and has resulted in devising a type of grader whose outstanding feature is its extreme simplicity of operation.

By way of preparation for a study of honey colors and for the construction of a satisfactory grader, the Bee Culture Laboratory enlisted the cooperation in 1922 and 1923 of a large number of beekeepers in all parts of the country, and obtained a collection of over 450 samples of honeys such as appear on the American market. Studies of these honeys, and of the problems encountered in preparing a satisfactory honey grader, were at once begun and have been carried on, until the grader described in this circular was completed.

The transmission of light of various colors (wave lengths) through these honeys was determined by the use of the spectrophotometer. These samples were also on various occasions exhibited to beekeepers and those familiar with the common practices in the honey trade, and in conformity with information obtained in that connection the color limits of the several commonly accepted grades have been established. An effort was made to adopt the commonly accepted names and limits, rather than to attempt to mark off new boundaries or to adopt new and strange names.

The grader is composed primarily of a wedge-shaped prism of glass, of the proper thinkness, angle, and color, mounted with a correspondingly designed wedge-shaped glass trough in which the sample of honey to be graded is placed. By means of a rack and pinion the plate on which the prism and the honey trough are mounted is moved to right or left, while the honey and the prism are viewed through properly designed openings in the front and rear plates of the case of the instrument. A pointer is fixed on the movable plate. When the appearance of the honey in the trough and that of the glass prism below it are exactly alike as seen through the narrow slot in the front of the case, the position of the pointer on the movable plate, in respect to the graduations on the scale, determines the grade of the honey.

Numerous tests have shown that different persons, when grading the same sample of honey on a grader of this character, can determine the proper grading so accurately that the personal factor is practically eliminated and that the grading is more accurate than is possible where a sample of honey in a vial is compared with a similar color sample. The method of construction of this grader appears to nullify the confusing effects of the various colors and shades of color, and the varying turbidities of honeys, so that a close approach to perfect grading can be accomplished.

The five standard grades of color are as follows: Water white, white, light amber, amber, and dark. These are the terms at present commonly used in the sale of honeys. In response to the demand from western beekeepers for further subdivisions of the lighter grades, two additional grades are established as subdivisions of the white and light amber grades, these to be designated as extra white and extra light amber. These terms are also used occasionally in the trade at present. In establishing the limits of these extra grades, it has seemed best not to divide a grade into two equal parts, but to place the color limits so that approximately 30 per cent of the honeys in the white or the amber grade shall be included in the "extra" grade. This division results in the choicest honeys in either grade, so far as color is concerned, falling into the corresponding "extra" grade.

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HONEY - NO. 181.

INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (Last half of November):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Light rains in November have given honey plants, especially along the Coast, an unusually early start. Shoots 3 inches long reported on some black sage, and the manzanita is blooming freely in some sections. In San Diego County the hives are getting some sealed brood, and the bees have not begun to draw on winter stores. In Coachella Valley wild flowers are blooming and bees are looking unusually well. In Riverside and San Bernardino Counties the larger beekeepers are somewhat uneasy, as the warm weather may cause very early orange bloom, which is apt to come during cool, cloudy weather, curtailing the crop. Further, if bees breed up too early, heavy spring losses from starvation are feared. At the present time, bees in the orange belt are as nearly dormant as they ever are. A heavy rainfall is hoped for, as the accumulated deficiency of several years has weakened the vitality of brush plants.

What White Orange honey is left is held firmly at 14¢ per lb., in ton lots. Few sales in 60s at 16¢ per lb., small pails 18¢ per lb. Light Amber Orange has sold in ton lots at 12-12½¢ per lb., 60s 14¢ per lb. Ton lots Light Amber Buckwheat have moved at 12¢ per lb. No sales Light Amber Sage reported. Cases of Light Amber Orange comb sold at $5.00 per case; White Sage comb $7.50 per case. Beeswax, 30-31¢ per lb.

Central California. Good demand for beeswax but market for White Sage honey is reported dull. Ton lots white extracted reported moved at 14½¢ per lb.

Northern California. Comparatively little rainfall reported. Demand slow for white honey, but better for darker grades, especially Amber honey for baking. Light Amber extracted has sold at 7½¢ per lb., Amber 7¢. Ton lot White Star Thistle 9¢ per lb. Beeswax, 30-36¢ per lb.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Even in Eastern Oregon the weather has been sufficiently warm to permit the bees to fly every day. Demand light for honey in large lots, and some buyers still have on hand distress lots bought early in the season. Considerable price-cutting reported among the smaller beekeepers. Fewsales Light Amber and White 60s 9-12½¢ per lb., small pails 12-14½¢ per lb. Beeswax, 31-32¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Most hives are now packed for the winter, although the unusual amount of rain and snow has hindered this operation. Some sections have already had such heavy snows that the ground is expected to keep white all winter, and it has been much colder than usual for the time of year. However, this has kept bees quiet; and the excessive moisture should help honey plants in the spring. Some report colonies weak in young bees.

Demand for honey is reported as rather slow. Locally, this is reported as due partly to the Thanksgiving holiday. In a carlot way, it is ascribed in part to the fact that Eastern buyers are supplying their needs in the Central and Plains States. Many sections, however, are now pretty well cleaned up on both comb and extracted.

In spite of the lack of interest, at least 6 cars of White extracted have sold recently at 8½¢, 2 cars at 8 3/4¢, and 1 at 8¢ per lb. Ton lot sales reported at 8½-11½¢ per lb., 60s 9-13¢; small pails 10¼-15¢ per lb. Some continue to hold carlots for 9-9½¢ per lb., f.o.b. Several carlot sales of white comb reported: Fancy $4.40 per case, Choice $3.90; 2 cars Choice White and Light Amber Comb $3.50 per case; one car White comb $3.50 per case straight. Case lots of White comb reported sold at mostly $4.00, Light Amber $3.60 per case. Bulk comb, 15¢ per lb. Beeswax 30-34¢ per lb.

ARIZONA: In some sections bees are still making a living on mountain goldenrod; in other areas heavy frosts have stopped all secretion of nectar. There is reported to be a large amount of unhatched brood in the hives. Ton lot White Cat-claw extracted reported sold at $11.00 per case of 120 lbs.; 60s Light Amber 8 1/3¢ per lb. 8 1/3¢ per lb., is reported offered for carlots of Mesquite-Cat-claw honey, 7¼¢ per lb., for Amber, and 8 1/3¢ per lb., for Light Amber, extracted.

NEW MEXICO: Bulk comb or chunk White and Light Amber Sweet Clover and Alfalfa is selling at 18¢ per lb. in 10-lb. pails; extracted, small pails 12-14¢ per lb. Carlots of extracted honey are reported moving at 8½¢ per lb. Few cases comb moved at $4.00-4.80 per case.

TEXAS: As a result of recent frosts, honey plants are mostly killed and bees inactive except for flights on warm days. Beemen are beginning to feed, but not as many as should do so if bees are to survive. Some losses from starvation already reported. In a few sections bees are in good shape and feeding will not be necessary. Some beekeepers are purchasing honey from outside the State to take care of their trade. Few sales bulk comb in 10-lb. pails reported at 17-19¢ per lb.

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PLAINS AREA: The early fall was unusually cold, but recently bees have had frequent flight days. Honey plants and bees are in good condition, but stores are light in some cases. Honey is moving slowly. Many beekeepers have cleaned up on comb; others have much on hand. Considerable price cutting reported. White Clover extracted has sold, carlots 8 3/4¢ per lb., 60s 10-10½¢; small pails mostly 15¢, some low as 10¢ per lb. White comb has ranged $3.50-5.00 per case, mostly $4.00-4.25; Amber $3.50 per case.

EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: Recent warm weather has permitted frequent flights, which were especially helpful to colonies wintering on fall honey. Bees in cellars reported a little restless as a result of the weather.

Extracted honey is moving very slowly on the whole, although some feel that inquiry is increasing. White Comb honey is moving more rapidly than extracted, but little interest reported in dark comb. Price-cutting on small lots continues, especially among the small producers, making it difficult for wholesale dealers to dispose of honey and accordingly reducing the wholesale demand. Some beekeepers are reported to be offering 60 lb. cans white extracted at $5.00 per can retail.

White Clover has moved in ton lots at 9-10¢ per lb.; 60s mostly 9-12½¢, small pails 13-16 2/3¢ per lb.; Light Amber fall honey 7-8¢ per lb.; Buckwheat, 60s 9¢; small pails 10¢ per lb. No. 1, White Clover comb has moved at $4.00-5.50, few $5.75 per case, mostly around $5.00; No. 2, $4.00; Buckwheat No. 1, $3.80-4.00 per case. Beeswax, average yellow 35-40¢, light 45¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: November is said to have been a more generally satisfactory month for the bees than October, especially in the northern sections. Packing is being completed, although some are keeping bees out of the cellar later than usual due to the large amount of honey dew in the stores and the necessity for frequent flights.

The demand in this area for Clover honey seems better on the whole than in the states immediately to the west. Buckwheat, with one of the largest crops on record, is moving slowly; and with considerable unsold, the market is weak. Some sections have cleaned up fairly well on clover honey.

Ton lots of White Clover have sold at 10-12½¢ per lb.; 60s 12-13¢; small pails 15¢ per lb. Buckwheat, ton lots, cans or kegs 8-9½¢, few 10¢; 60s 10-11¢; small pails 15¢ per lb. Carlots of No. 1, White Comb $4.00-4.50, Fancy $4.50-5.00, No. 2, $3.75; less carlots, No. 1, $4.00-5.50, mostly $4.50-5.00; Fancy $4.50-6.50, mostly $5.00-5.50 per case; Buckwheat, Comb No. 1, large lots $3.50-4.00, No. 2, $3.00-3.50 per cases, small lots, No. 1, $4.00 per case; Fancy White Mint, $6.00-6.50 per case.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Clover is coming up in Louisiana, and promises well for spring. The condition of bees varies from fair to good. In North and Middle Georgia general feeding is necessary to save the bees, following the long-continued drouth; in South Georgia many colonies will have to be fed, but conditions are much better in the extreme south. Some beekeepers are doubling colonies. Asters and bitterweed are still yielding in Alabama on favorable days, but the weather is generally too cool for much activity. Stores and colony strength reported generally excellent. The fall crop in South Florida was reported as only half of normal, due to cold and rainy weather; in North Florida the winter stores are light following a dry summer.

Few sales reported. Barrels Amber 7-7½¢ per lb., Light Amber 11¢; 60-lb. cans Light Amber 10-15¢ per lb. Bulk comb, in pails 12½-14¢, in glass jars 17¢ per lb. Few cases 24-section comb at $4.80 per case. Beeswax, 29-36¢ per lb.

WEST INDIES (First half of November).

CUBA: Conditions have become worse during the past 2 weeks, due to drouth and strong winds, which prevent bees working. A lighter crop than that of last year is looked for.

PORTO RICO: The crop, which is very short, is mostly extracted and already sold to dealers in coast towns. As profits have been light for 4 years, many side-line beekeepers have become discouraged. Honey is selling locally, in barrels, at 70¢ per gallon.

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MARKETS CONTINUED:

SAN FRANCISCO: Supplies liberal. Demand slow, market dull. Dealers state good demand for export but price asked considered too high to compete with other sections. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Alfalfa, White 9½-10½¢, Light Amber 8-8½¢, Amber, supplies light 7-7¼¢, Star Thistle 8½-9¢, Orange Blossom 12-13¢, Sage White 14-15¢, Light Amber 10-11¢.

COMB: Nevada, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, No. 1, $4.25-4.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.25.

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for November 28 or 30

BOSTON: Since last report 100 cases Vt., 50 cases N.Y. and 1 car Calif. arrived.

COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, White Clover, 20-section cases, 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00; 24-section cases, 10-ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50. New York, 24-section cases White Clover 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-15-ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Demand moderate, market firm. Sales to wholesalers, confectioners and bottlers- per lb. California, Light Amber Sage 16¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢. Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢ in barrels 10¢ per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 1 car Mont. and 4128 lbs. Ill.; 3025 lbs. Ia.; 3500 lbs. Nebr.; 8865 lbs. Wis. arrived.

EXTRACTED: Trading moderate, market trifle firmer on white, steady on Amber. Sales to bottlers and confectioners: per lb. Midwestern, White Sweet Clover 11-11½¢. Montana, White Sweet Clover 11-11½¢. Wisconsin, White Clover 11½-12¢. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10-10½¢, Amber 9½¢. Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado, White Sweet Clover mostly 11¢.

COMB: Demand moderate, market steady. Sales to retailers- Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, White Sweet Clover, No. 1, $4.00-4.25, mostly $4.25, few higher, No. 2, $3.25-3.75. Wisconsin, White Clover, No. 1, $4.00, No. 2, $3.50-3.75.

BEESWAX: Trading moderate, market steady. Sales to bleachers and electrical manufacturers- Per lb. Midwestern, crude, light, mostly 38¢, dark 33-35¢. Imported: South America and Africa, medium to light 38-40¢, dark 37¢.

DENVER: Demand slow, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa White 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: 2 cars Colo. arrived since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $4.75, fancy $4.50, choice $4-4.25.

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Alfalfa 13½¢ per pound.

MINNEAPOLIS: No carlot arrivals since last report.

COMB: Supplies liberal. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover, No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few best $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market dull. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers, in 5-gallon lots or more, per lb. Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 10-10½¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report- 3782 lbs. N.Y., 118,435 lbs. Wyo., 125 lbs. Nebr. and 8 bbls. San Domingo arrived. Demand moderate, market steady for most flavors except New York State Buckwheat which is weaker.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans, per lb. New York Light Amber mixed flavors 10-11¢, extra light Amber and white Clover 12-12½¢, Buckwheat 8½-9½¢, few 10¢. Florida, light Amber 11¢, Amber 10¢. California, White Star Thistle 11-12¢, Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢, White Orange 13-14¢, Light Amber Orange 11-12¢. Intermountain, White Sweet Clover 11-12¢. Porto Rico, supplies moderate, in barrels, mostly 90¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.75-6.00, few $5.50, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, mostly $5.00, No. 2, $4.00-4.50; Buckwheat, No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report - 25 bags Brazil, 29 bags Chile, 10 bags San Domingo, 3 bags Porto Rico, 11 bales Cuba, 32 bags Turkey, 44 bales Holland imported. Supplies very light. Demand good, market strong. Per lb. Chile and Brazil, Light 44-45¢.. West Indies, Light 44-45¢, medium 38-40¢. Africa, medium 39½¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 60 cases N.Y. comb arrived; shipment Porto Rico stock expected in few days. Receipts very light. Spot supplies moderate. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Porto Rico honey higher.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, bottlers, bakers and candy makers- Porto Rico, holdover stock, Light Amber $1.05, Amber $1.03 per gal.

COMB: New York, Sales to retailers- 24-section cases White Clover, No. 1, $5.50-6.00, fancy $6.00-6.50; Buckwheat, No. 1, $4.50-5.00, some $5.50.

BEESWAX: Price to nearby bee keepers for crude country run- average Yellow wax 37¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No arrivals reported since last report. Demand and trading somewhat light, market steady. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11-12¢ per lb.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases white Sweet Clover fancy $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: 393 pounds reported received since last report. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Dealers are paying 33-35¢ per lb. for country run ungraded.

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IMPORTS OF MONEY INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Greece	221
United Kingdom	6,815
Canada	14,106
Mexico	674
Hongkong	99
Palestine & Syria	13
Total	21,928
Total Net Imports September, 1925	26,007
Total Net Imports October, 1924	12,098

NO RE-EXPORTS OF MONEY DURING OCTOBER, 1925.

SHIPMENTS OF MONEY TO THE UNITED STATES FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII

	QUANTITY, POUNDS		
	Oct., 1925.	Sept., 1925.	Oct., 1924.
Porto Rico	225,520	336,417	233,065
Hawaii	213,182	388,536	244,935

EXPORTS OF MONEY FROM THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1925.

	QUANTITY Pounds		QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	2,400	Colombia	90
Denmark	16,440	Peru	34
Finland	21,960	British India	7,480
France	33,960	Ceylon	312
Germany	437,219	Straits Settlements	2,936
Italy	3,468	China	4,958
Netherlands	100,282	Chosen	101
United Kingdom	102,119	Java & Madura	1,798
Canada	11,001	Other Dutch E. Indies	240
Honduras	120	Hongkong	173
Nicaragua	196	Kwangtung leased territory	600
Mexico	29	Philippine Islands	3,721
Newfoundland and Labrador	278	Siam	240
Cuba	60	Bolivia	46
Total			753,371
Total Exports September, 1925			960,013
Total Exports October, 1924			1,153,091

IMPORTS OF BEESWAX INTO THE UNITED STATES DURING OCTOBER, 1925

	QUANTITY Pounds
Belgium	11,255
Germany	16,101
Italy	757
Portugal	84,164
Sweden	3,000
Turkey in Europe	851
United Kingdom	137,544
Canada	293
Mexico	3,342
Other British West Indies	83
Cuba	25,445
Dominican Republic	12,418
Brazil	46,430
Aden	6,200
British East Africa	22,400
Egypt	11,845
Total	382,128
Total Imports September, 1925	136,112
Total Imports October, 1924	376,181

SHIPMENTS OF BEESWAX TO THE UNITED STATES FROM PORTO RICO AND HAWAII

	QUANTITY, POUNDS		
	Oct., 1925	Sept., 1925	Oct., 1924
Porto Rico	4,593	5,420	7,197
Hawaii	1,859	1,847	200

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INFORMATION FROM PRODUCING AREAS (First half of December):

CALIFORNIA POINTS: Southern California. Rain continues to fall, and San Diego County reports 7 inches for the season to date. Scorched vegetation has taken on new life, and along the Coast prospects are exceptionally bright. Some plants are already blooming, and the season promises to be very early. Concern is felt lest heavy freezes later may damage the plants that have started into growth. Bees in Imperial Valley are in good condition.

The honey market is said to be slow and buyers scarce. One car Light Amber Alfalfa reported sold for 7½¢ per lb; ton lots Light Amber 8½¢, small amount of Light Amber Sage honey 10¢ per lb; ton lots White Sage 12¢ per lb. Beeswax is in demand, with sales reported at 30-36¢ per lb.

Central California. Buyers report little or no movement in White Sage, with ton lots quoted at 14½¢ per lb.

Northern California. Some rain has fallen recently, but the rainfall is still slightly below normal. It is said that fully half the thistle crop has been sold. Two cars extracted thistle reported sold at 8½¢ per lb. 3 cars 8¢, one with cases to be returned; ton lot 8½¢ per lb. Beeswax is very firm, with dealers offering 35-37¢ per lb. and some sales made between these figures.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: The winter has been very mild and open thus far. Honey is in a little better demand, but prices show no inclination to advance. Few sales 60s White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa 10-12¢ per lb., small pails 12-14¢ per lb. A few carlots are being held for 11¢ per lb. Beeswax is in active demand at 30-33¢ per lb.

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION: Following cold weather in the early fall, the weather has since been unusually mild for this season of the year, although some sections report snow covering the ground. Occasional bees are restless in cellars, and some beekeepers are taking part of their colonies and packing them outdoors. Outdoor-packed bees have opportunity for frequent flights, and in some localities can fly practically every day. Buds are said to be swelling on willows and other plants. One reporter advises that bees are actively gathering juice from frozen apples, which may be detrimental later in the winter.

The demand for honey in large lots is quiet, but local sales are cleaning up honey in numerous areas. One estimate is reported to the effect that fully three-quarters of the honey in the Intermountain Region is out of the hands of the producers.

A few carlot sales of White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa reported at 8½-8 3/4¢ per lb., but most holders are asking 9¢ per lb. or more; carlot sales of Amber extracted reported at 8-8½¢ per lb. Ton lot sales White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa made at 8½-12¢, mostly around 10¢ per lb., 60s 10-12½¢, small pails 12-14¢ per lb. Light Amber, ton lots, has sold at 10-11¢ per lb. Carlots of White Comb have sold lightly at $4.40 per case for Fancy, $4.00 for Choice; one car of Light Amber Comb sold at $3.50 per case. A few cases Light Amber, off grade, sold at $3.00-3.50 per case. Beeswax has strengthened, and is now bringing 32-35¢ per lb. in cash or several cents higher in trade.

ARIZONA: Heavy rains give promise of early spring flowers. Honey in bulk is said to be moving slowly.

NEW MEXICO: Local sales are disposing of some honey, but outside demand is slow. Considerable honey is still unsold. Few sales 60s 12¢, small pails 13½¢ per lb. A few cases White Comb moved at $4.80 per case.

TEXAS: Recent heavy frosts have killed honey-producing plants. Colonies generally are amply supplied with young bees, but stores are light. Some losses from starvation have already occurred. Considerable robbing reported by colonies which are without supplies. Except in Northeast Texas, more rain is needed for horse mint and brush plants. Honey continues to be shipped in from outside the State to supply local demand. Few sales extracted in small pails at 11½¢ per lb. Beeswax is bringing 35¢ per lb.

PLAINS AREA: Heavy rains have fallen, with deep snow in some sections, and prospects are excellent for the clovers next season. Some cellar-wintered bees reported restless; outdoor-wintered bees have had frequent opportunities for flights. Not many sales reported. Ton lots White Clover are moving at 10¢ per lb. 60s 11-14¢ per lb. Beeswax 33-35¢ per lb.

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EAST CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES: The weather has been mild, but not warm enough in the upper part of this section for bees to fly. Honey sales seem to be at the season's low point, with little demand at remunerative prices. A few beekeepers have sold out, however, and are buying from others to fill orders.

Two cars White Clover extracted reported sold at 9 3/4¢ per lb; ton lots 9-12½¢, mostly 10¢, 60s 11-15¢; small pails 12½-16¢, few 18¢ per lb; Light Amber ton lots 8½¢ per lb; Buckwheat, small pails 10¢ per lb. No. 1 and Fancy White Clover Comb has moved all the way from $3.50 to $5.50 per case, mostly $4.50-5.00; No. 2, $3.00; Buckwheat and other Amber Comb $3.80-4.00 per case. Beeswax, 30-35¢ per lb.

NORTHEASTERN STATES: Cold and stormy weather has kept bees in the hives for several weeks. Except in the northern portion of the area, most of the honeydew honey was used up in breeding before the last flight, and most bees went into winter quarters in fine shape as to stores and numbers. Some report the bees to be in the best shape for wintering in 10 years. Along the Great Lakes, however, bees were so short in stores, due to heavy consumption during October and November, that some colonies in cellars had to be fed to prevent starvation.

Extracted White Clover has been cleaning up well, but Buckwheat, both extracted and comb, is in little demand, and the large crop is being disposed of slowly. Ton lots White Clover have sold at 9-11¢ per lb., 60s 11 3/4-13¢; Buckwheat, ton lots 7½-9¼¢, 60s 8½-10¢, small pails 11¢ per lb. Little comb honey reported sold during this period. Few sales No. 1, White Clover reported at $4.25 per case Buckwheat, $3.00-4.40 per case according to grade; one large lot mixed comb at $3.50 per case. Beeswax, 35¢ per lb.

SOUTHEASTERN STATES: Bees in Florida are in fair condition. They are not working now, but with nice weather they could gather some nectar from pennyroyal. Little honey remains unsold. Rain in Mississippi has been ample for a fall flow, and bees are going into winter with plenty of stores and young bees. Honey is moving well for the time of year, but there is considerable still on hand. Bees in Alabama have been quiet for some days, as killing frosts have finished the asters and bitterweed. The supply of young bees is normal. Stores have been consumed heavily in Georgia during recent weeks due to warm weather and resulting activity of bees. Bees in Louisiana are expected to remain quiet until March.

Sales reported of Amber extracted in barrels at 7½¢ per lb. in cans 8 1/3¢ per lb; Light Amber, 60s 11¢, small pails 12¢, barrels 10¢ per lb.; White Sweet Clover, small pails 13½¢ per lb. Bulk comb, small pails 12½¢ per lb., 60s 9¢ per lb. Few cases, White Sweet Clover comb moved at $4.50 per case. Beeswax, 30¢ per lb.

PORTO RICO: (Last half of November).

Only a small amount of the 1925 crop remains unsold. Rainy weather prevails. The prices of extracted honey in barrels is quoted at 74 to 80¢ per gal., c.i.f. New York. Early in December, however, the price showed a tendency to increase. For the week ending November 28, shipments were reported of 2075 gallons extracted and 23,537 lbs. comb honey, and 680 lbs. beeswax.

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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF HONEY IN ONTARIO

From Emil Sauer, American Consul, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. November 10, 1925.

The Ontario Honey Producers' Cooperative held its annual meeting at Toronto on November 5th.

Papers read before the meeting brought out the facts that Canada produces 21,000,000 pounds of honey per annum, while the domestic consumption is less than 9,000,000 pounds, or less than one pound per capita of the population. Moreover, the 1925 crop was characterized as both heavy and "of exceptionally high quality." The general manager of the cooperative stated that "with practically every district in Ontario showing an increase in production, the question is, how and where are we to market our honey?" It was further brought out that the sales in Toronto and Montreal have been steadily increasing. The cooperative expects to market 1,500,000 pounds of Ontario honey in Western Canada this year. In Britain the market has improved, while in Holland and Germany, "both big buyers, only a start has been made, and the product of Ontario apiaries is now finding its way into the Scandinavian countries and France, Belgium and Switzerland."

Regarding the finances of the cooperative, the remarks were made that they are "in good order at the close of their third seasonal pool of honey." Advances are received from the banks up to half of the nominal value of the honey, available to any member. For honey not sold locally, the operating charges of handling it by the cooperative averaged 1.4 cents per pound. "Light honey, in five-pound containers, netted the producers 12.1 cents per pound for the 1924 crop, in spite of the fact that it was an unusually poor year for quality. Figures showed that United States beekeepers averaged only from 9 to 10 cents per pound in 1924 for the same quality of honey."

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TELEGRAPHIC REPORTS FROM IMPORTANT MARKETS
Market reports are for December 14 or 15

BOSTON: Since last report 84 cases Vt. arrived. Demand moderate, market steady.

COMB: Sales by receivers to retailers- Vermont, White Clover, 20-section cases, 10-ounce $4.50, 12-ounce $5.00, 14-ounce $6.00, 24-section cases, 10-ounce $5.50, 13-ounce $6.25, 14-ounce $6.50, New York, 24-section cases White Clover 12-ounce $4.50-5.00, 13-ounce $5.25-5.50, 14-lb ounce $6.00-6.50.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, confectioners and bottlers- per lb. California, Light Amber Sage 16¢, Light Amber Alfalfa 10½-11¢, Porto Rico, Amber in cases 10½¢, in barrels 10¢ per lb. New York, White Clover 14¢ per lb.

CHICAGO: Since last report 8285 lbs. Ia., 10090 lbs. Minn., 1874 lbs. Wis. arrived. Trading light on both extracted and comb, market steady.

EXTRACTED: Sales to bottlers and confectioners per lb. Midwestern, mixed clovers 11-11½¢, few sales strictly fancy shade higher. California, Alfalfa, Light Amber 10-10½¢, Amber 9½¢. Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado, White Sweet Clover mostly 11¢.

COMB: Sales to retailers- Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, mixed clovers No. 1, $4.00-4.25, few high as $4.50, No. 2, $3.25-3.75.

BEESWAX: Trading very light. Market steady. Sales to bleachers and electrical manufacturers- Per lb. Midwestern, crude, light, mostly 38¢, dark 37-35¢. South America and Africa, medium to light 38-40¢, dark 37¢.

DENVER: Demand light, market dull. Sales to jobbers-

EXTRACTED: Colorado, White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 12-14¢ per lb., Light Amber mostly 11-12¢.

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, fancy $5.50, choice $5.00.

KANSAS CITY: No carlot arrivals since last report. Supplies moderate. Demand slow, market steady. Sales to jobbers-

COMB: Colorado, 24-section cases White Sweet Clover, extra fancy $4.75, fancy $4.50.

EXTRACTED: Wyoming, Sweet Clover and Alfalfa, White 13½¢, Light Amber 12½¢ per lb.

MINNEAPOLIS: No large arrivals since last report, but supplies are liberal.

COMB: Practically no demand, market weak. Sales to retailers- 24-section cases- Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota, White Clover No. 1, $4.00.

EXTRACTED: Demand slow, market firm. Sales to retailers, confectioners and bakers- 5-gallon lots or more, per lb. Minnesota and Wisconsin, White Clover 11-12¢.

NEW YORK: Since last report- 53892 lbs. N.Y., 176 lbs. Calif., 1080 lbs. Ohio, 53700 lbs. Mich., 370 lbs. Penna., and 75 tierces and 173 bbls. Porto Rico arrived. Demand moderate, market steady for most flavors except New York buckwheat for which there is a very light demand and a weak market.

EXTRACTED: Sales to wholesalers, jobbers, confectioners, bottlers and bakers- 60-lb. cans, per lb. New York, Light Amber mixed flavors 10-11¢, Extra Light Amber and White Clover 12-12½¢. Buckwheat, 8-9½¢. Florida, Light Amber 11¢, Amber 10¢. California, Amber Alfalfa 10-11¢, Light Amber Sage 12-13¢, White Orange 14-15¢, Light Amber Orange 11-12¢. Intermountain Region, White Sweet Clover 11½-12¢, Porto Rico, supplies liberal, in barrels mostly 90¢ per gal.

COMB: Supplies moderate. Demand moderate, market about steady. New York, 24-section cases White Clover fancy $5.75-6.00, few $5.50, No. 1, $5.00-5.50, No. 2, $4.00-4.50. Buckwheat, No. 1, $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: Since last report 62 bags Chile, 34 bags Brazil, 4 seroons San Domingo, 14 bags Porto Rico, 18 bags Cuba, 17 bags Egypt, 47 bags England imported. Supplies very light. Demand good, market very strong. Per lb. Chile and Brazil, Light 45-46¢. West Indies, 45-46¢. Africa, Light 42¢, medium 39½¢.

PHILADELPHIA: Since last report 15 bbls. Porto Rico and 150 cases N.Y. comb arrived. Receipts and supplies light. Demand and trading slow, market dull.

EXTRACTED: Sales to jobbers, bottlers, bakers and candy makers- Porto Rico, Light Amber 1.05, Amber $1.03 per gal.

COMB: New York, 24-section cases White Clover No. 1, $5.00-6.00, fancy mostly $6.00. Buckwheat, No. 1, mostly $4.50, few high as $5.25.

BEESWAX: Price paid to nearby beekeepers for crude, country run average Yellow wax 40¢ per lb.

ST. LOUIS: No arrivals reported since last report. Demand and trading light, market dull and unchanged. Sales to wholesalers and jobbers-

EXTRACTED: California, Light Amber Alfalfa 11-12¢ per lb.

COMB: 24-section cases-Colorado, White Sweet Clover, fancy $4.50-5.00.

BEESWAX: 950 lbs. reported received since last report. Demand and trading moderate, market steady. Dealers are paying 33-35¢ per lb. for country run ungraded wax.

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PRODUCTION OF BEESWAX IN TUNISIA

From Consul Leland L. Smith, Tunis, Tunisia, October 26, 1925.

It would appear as if American importers of raw beeswax would find an important source of supply in Tunisia as a result of the depreciation of the franc, the currency of the country. It is reported locally that a certain proportion of the Tunisian product eventually reaches the United States in a refined state. The question "why would it not be advantageous for American manufacturers to import direct and do their own refining" poses itself quite forcibly.

PRODUCTION: The quantity of beeswax produced in Tunisia is highly variable, as a result of the uncertain climatic conditions ruling in the country, and fluctuates between 50,000 and 125,000 kilograms per year. Tunisia is almost exclusively an agricultural country, but it is handicapped by an excessively dry climate which restricts good crops to one in every three years. The production of beeswax, therefore, is governed by the propitiousness of the agricultural season.

The future of the beeswax industry is assured by the importance of the flowering plants and trees cultivated in the Regency; 15,260,000 olive trees; 120,000 orange and lemon trees; 220,000 almond trees; 60,000 date trees; 26,895 hectares of vineyards; and 30,500 hectares devoted to vegetable cultivation, etc.

COMMERCE: Less than one-half of the production is used locally. However, the proportion consumed in the Regency is increasing yearly and accounts in great measure for the stationary position occupied by the export figures during the last ten years. The natives employ beeswax in making candles which they use for religious porposes.

The exports of beeswax in 1924 were:

	Pounds	Kilograms
France	102,684	46,577
Algeria	6,779	3,075
Italy	2,383	1,081
Malta	1,649	748
	113,495	51,481

The average of the exportations for the 1919-23 period was 61,393 kilograms or 135,347 [illegible] pounds. The recent crop failures and the growth of the local consumption accounted for the decrease.

CHARACTER OF THE BEESWAX: Raw Tunisian beeswax is more or less dark yellow in color, uniform, without streaks, compact and dry to the touch. Its odor recalls that of honey; it is almost tasteless; and it breaks cleanly. The quality coming from the southern districts of the Regency is slightly whiter than that produced in the north.

The composition of Tunisian beeswax is different from that of the European product. The density varies from 0.965 to 0.9705; the average fusing point is between 61° and 64°; free acidity (cerotique acid) is between 17°4 and 20°5; and the combined acids (myricine), 69°7 and 81°2.

The first gathering takes place at the swarming season during April; the second, is undertaken in July when the principal crop of honey is obtainable; the third and least important, is made in the autumn. Melting is practiced throughout the entire year, but particularly during the important gathering season.

Practically all of the Tunisian product is exported in blocks averaging 4 to 5 kilos ([illegible] to 11, [illegible] pounds) in weight and is shipped in double sacks

The percentage of impurity varies according to the care exercised by the natives in preparing the blocks of beeswax. In 1918, the French "Service des Fraudes" seized different lots and found that foreign matter appeared in proportion of 6% to 15%; or an average of 7% to 8% for every ten lots. The impurities were for the most part, water, honey and particles of the honeycomb. When unusual care is taken, this proportion is reduced to a minimum.

The selling price of Tunisian beeswax is entirely controlled by the European market. The unimportance of the local demand results in a total absence of local quotation.

SHIPPING: The United States does not have direct shipping connections with Tunisia. The most expeditious manner in which to forward shipments is via Marcsille which is connected to both Tunis and the United States by frequent sailings. The local agents of forwarding companies are capable of handling the shipping formalities at Tunis.

TRADE WITH AMERICA: Local merchants have expressed their desire to export to other markets besides France, as they have been largely dependent upon that country for their sales in the past and have not had another outlet when business was slack. They believe that depreciation of the franc offers a good opportunity for American importers to enter this market and to assure their supply of beeswax from a producing country. Names of local dealers will be furnished upon request.

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